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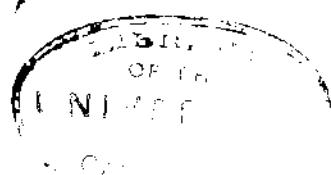
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CHRONOLOGY is the skeleton of history, and before a history of Israel can be written it is necessary that we should have some system of chronology to which to attach it. Light has been thrown upon the chronology of the Old Testament by recent discoveries in Egypt and Assyria, but the application of these discoveries must be preceded by a thorough examination of what the Old Testament itself has to tell us upon the subject. Older chronological schemes like those of Usher or Hales have long since been discredited, and the time has come for a scheme that will better suit the critical requirements of today. Such a scheme is presented by Mr. Auchincloss, whose book contains an exhaustive account of the chronological data of the Old Testament. The student will find in it not only all the materials needed by the chronologist, but also a combination of them into a consistent and scientifically checked system. No pains have been spared to make the work at once complete and clear, and the tables have been supplemented by a chronological index which will much facilitate their use.

From the reign of Rehoboam onward, Judæo-Israelitish chronology ought to offer little difficulty. The compiler of the book of Kings had dated annals before him, and it might have been supposed, therefore, that the chronology of the period

would have been accurately known. On the contrary, however, it has been the despair of later chronologists, and the decipherment of the Assyrian inscriptions has shown that the sum-total as given by the compiler is about forty years in excess. Mr. Auchincloss has now pointed out how this has come about. The Hebrew writer has gone wrong in trying to "balance accounts." He has struck out twenty-seven years from the reigns of the Judah's kings, and nine years from the reigns of Israel's kings.

Before the reign of Rehoboam the chronological problem is less simple. Mr. Shaw Caldecott has lately made it clear that Solomon's palace was destroyed by Shishak when he sacked Jerusalem in the fifth year of Rehoboam; whatever annals were kept in it would have been destroyed also. Hence it is that the fragments of the annals of David's reign preserved in II Sam. viii and x are not dated, and that the annals of Solomon's reign are not given at all. That such annals once existed, however, is certain. A yearly chronicle of events was kept in Egypt and Babylonia from the earliest period, and a papyrus of the Davidic age, now at St. Petersburg, shows that a similar chronicle was kept in the Phœnician cities, while the name of the "Recorder," that is, of the Registrar of the state annals, whose duty it was to record the chief events of each year of a king's reign, is given for the reigns of both David and Solomon [II Sam. viii, 16; xx, 24; I Kings, iv, 3].

What the capture of Jerusalem by Shishak did for the state annals of David and Solomon<sup>1</sup> the destruction of the national Sanctuary at Shiloh by the Philistines did for the earlier chronicles of the Hebrew people. Exact chronological notices like that of the duration of Chushan-rishathaim's rule [Judges iii, 8] show that chronological records of the age of the Judges must have been preserved in other places besides Shiloh. Moreover, while the official annals of David and Solomon would have been

inscribed upon papyrus, or parchment, in the Hebrew language and characters, those of the age of the Judges (as has now been made clear by archæological discovery) would have been upon clay tablets and in the cuneiform characters of Babylonia. Since the clay tablets are practically indestructible, it is probable that they are still lying under the ruins of the Hebrew Sanctuary at Shiloh awaiting the spade of the excavator to bring them again to light. The papyrus records of the Jewish kings, on the other hand, will have perished in the conflagration of the archive-chamber in which they were kept.

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## P R E F A C E

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THIS investigation of Bible Chronology is entirely new and original. It has brought to light a system of dates in every case more reliable than any heretofore employed, whose authority rests absolutely on the numerical statements of the Holy Bible, regardless of all other sources of information.

It is offered as a substitute for the Usher system, which has outlived its usefulness.

The great beauty of the Bible record is that, together with historical data of the most varied character, it supplies a complete set of checks and counter-checks for its numerical statements.<sup>1</sup> These have been the means of preserving the original sense and integrity of the text amid possible errors of translators and copyists, so that at the present day we are able to steer a straight course through the seas of antiquity with every assurance of certainty and at the end of the course to present an unbroken chronology which spans fifty-three centuries.

The Bible record is simply a marvel ! Matchless and perfect in all its parts.

W. S. AUCHINCLOSS.



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## CHRONOLOGY OF THE HOLY BIBLE.

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THE Bible is not a work on Chronology any more than it is a treatise on astronomy or physics. We therefore approach it in the wrong spirit when we expect to find a list of reigns arranged with the precision characteristic of any history of England where years, months and days are minutely stated. On the contrary the Bible scarcely takes notice of months and days but deals in full years, merging odd months with the reign preceding or following, consequently the true length must be determined by historic conditions found in the Bible, before the count can proceed. Our first duty then will be to ferret out the unknown quantities and use them in connection with the known. By this means, the full current of Scripture light will be turned on to the Grand Avenue of Bible history, and all occasion for stumbling or perplexity will be removed.

The first obstacle encountered in constructing a continuous record is found in the life of the prophet Samuel.

"Stop right here!" some one will exclaim; "you may search the Bible from cover to cover and you cannot find any mention of how many years Samuel bore supreme rule in Israel!"— We say: — Granted! but the Scripture gives you all the data necessary for determining that period, and why ask more, when you can figure it for yourself?

We find that:—

### SAMUEL'S LEADERSHIP.

Acts 13, 20	From division of land to reign of Saul was	450 years
Judges 11, 26	" " " " " Jephthah "	300 "
	Consequently from Jephthah to Saul - - -	150 years

Brought forward (From Jephthah to Saul)		150 years
Judges 12, 7	Now Jephthah judged Israel for	6 yrs.
" 12, 9	" Ibzan " " "	7 "
" 12, 11	" Elon " " "	10 "
" 12, 14	" Abdon " " "	8 "
" 13, 1	" Philistines ruled " " "	{ 20 "
" 15, 20	" Samson judged " " "	{ 20 "
1 Sam. 4, 18	" Eli " " "	<u>40 "</u>
	From Jephthah to Samuel was . . . . .	111 years
	Therefore Samuel ruled Israel for . . . . .	<u>39 years</u>

This demonstration beautifully illustrates the necessity of treating the Bible as a whole and comparing Scripture with Scripture. Evidently without the book of Acts, no one could ever have known how many years Samuel ruled, and for that matter, how many years Saul was on the throne of Israel. But the book of Acts in conjunction with Judges and Samuel, reveal the whole truth in regard to both reigns.

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### JOSHUA AND THE ELDERS.

Every true patriot loves to celebrate the anniversaries of his fatherland, he also places special emphasis on Centennial occasions. The children of Israel were no exception to the rule, only their periods of celebration seem to have been 40 years long and were patterned after their years in the wilderness. We think their first celebration was described in the 23rd chap. of Joshua, where it is said:—

*"And it came to pass a long time after that the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age."*

The 24th chap. gives in part Joshua's valedictory address in which he reminded them:—

*"Ye dwelt in the Wilderness a long time."*

If this conjecture is true, then we know that Joshua was 25 years old when Israel left Sinai for Canaan, 64 years when they crossed the Jordan, 70 years when the land was divided and 110 years at the time of his valedictory address. We are supported in this contention by several passages:—

"And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, *a young man* departed not out of the Tabernacle." [Exodus 33, 11.]

"And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one of his young men*, answered and said." [Num. 11, 28.]

Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, testified when the land was divided:—

Joshua 14, 10.—"Now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old."

Num. 13, 30.—Observe how the mob paid respect to Caleb's age.

Caleb's name is mentioned *before* Joshua's, Caleb being 40 when Joshua was 25. [Num. 32, 12.] It follows that the entire time from the division of the land to the death of Joshua was about 40 years, and the first anniversary celebration took place just before Joshua delivered his valedictory oration and charged the people to choose that day whom they would serve. During those 40 years Joshua built the city of Timnath-serah in Mount Ephraim and dwelt therein. [Joshua. 19, 50.] This division of time left 20 years for the Elders who outlived Joshua. [Joshua. 24, 31.] Those 20 years are graphically described in the last 5 chapters of the book of Judges, while the weakness of the government also the lack of unity among the people, are clearly shown in Judges 17, 6 where it says:—

"In those days there was no King in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

We see therefore, that the times were so out of joint that a grand national celebration would have been an impossibility hence we contend that the first celebration took place during Joshua's lifetime and that we have rightly located the death of

Joshua exactly forty years after the division of the land. Only a strong leader beloved by the nation—as was Joshua—could enlist the interest of all and bring all to unite in such a patriotic demonstration. The Elders who outlived Joshua were undoubtedly the Pioneers of Canaan. Their age supplies another confirmation of the fact that they only survived their great leader by 20 years. Moses tells us—Num. 32, 11—that the Hebrew youth reached their majority at 20 years, consequently the Pioneers could not have been less than 20 years old when the land was divided. As to the maximum of average life we read—Psalm 90, 10—that it reached a period of 80 years. These limitations give us the following relative ages:—

Joshua was :—	The Elders were :—
64 years old . . When Israel crossed the Jordan . .	14 years old
70 " " . . the land was divided . .	20 " "
110 " " . . At time Joshua died . . . . .	60 " "
When the Elders died . . . . .	80 " "

Thus in two ways we reach the same conclusion, viz.—that the Elders or Pioneers of Canaan outlived their great leader by 20 years.

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### DIVISION OF THE LAND.

The history of Caleb the son of Jephunneh supplies us with a knowledge of the time spent in Canaan before the land was divided among the people. Since Caleb was 40 years old when Israel left Sinai, he was 39 years old when they left Egypt. We have then—

Josh. 14, 10 Caleb's age when land was divided . .	85 years
Josh. 14, 7       "     " at time of the Exodus . .	39
Exod. 16, 35 Caleb dwelt in the Wilderness . . . .	40 <u>79</u>
	Total <u>6 years</u>

Thus we learn that the land was divided 6 years after Israel crossed the Jordan.

## WILDERNESS MEMORIALS.

The experience of Israel in the Wilderness made such a deep impression on the mind of the nation, that for 200 years they continued to observe memorial exercises.

The division of land took place . . . . .	B.C.	1431
1st Memorial celebrated by Joshua . . . . .	"	1391
2nd " was omitted . . . . .	"	1351
3rd " time of Deborah . . . . .	"	1311
4th " " Jair . . . . .	"	1271
5th " " Jephthah . . . . .	"	1231

They had the best of reasons for omitting the 2nd Memorial, because from B.C. 1359 to 1341, a period of 18 years, Israel served the King of Moab. It is significant, however, that they preserved their count with that of the 3rd Memorial and speak of the time as having been 80 years.

The record runs as follows:—

Joshua 1, 13 "Your God hath given you <i>rest</i> and hath given you this <i>land</i> ."		
Judges 3, 11 "And the land had rest" . . . . .	40 years	
" 3, 30 "And the land had rest" . . . . .	80 "	
" 5, 31 "And the land had rest" . . . . .	40 "	
" 8, 28 "And the country was in quietness" . . . . .	40 "	
	Total	200 years

These 200 years carry us from the division of the land by Joshua over to the first year of Jephthah, when the Ammonites questioned the title of Israel to the land itself.

We accept this Scripture record as our guide and modify two other statements accordingly:—

Judges 11, 26 Will then read 200 years instead of 300 years.

Acts 13, 20 Will then read 350 years instead of 450 years.

Please note in this connection that the modification has no effect on the computed age of Samuel. It still remains a fact, that he ruled Israel for 39 years.

One other way remains, for showing how necessary it is to abate the 100 years in question:—

Judges 11, 26	From division of land to Jephthah . . .	300 yrs.
Acts 13, 20	" Jephthah to Saul 450—300 . . .	<u>150</u> "
	1st RESULT:—Canaan to Saul . . .	450 yrs.
1 Kin. 6, 1	From Exodus to building of Temple	479
Exodus 16, 35	In the wilderness . . .	40
Josh. 14, 7, 10	To division of land . . .	6
Acts 13, 21	Saul reigned . . .	40
1 Kin. 2, 11	David " . . .	40
1 Kin. 6, 1	To "4th yr. of Solomon" 3 129	
	2nd RESULT:—Canaan to Saul	350
	Difference	100 yrs.

Thus we get two statements of time, from division of land to reign of Saul, differing by 100 years. Both cannot be right, therefore the 100 years must be stricken out as stated above.

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#### OTHNIEL, EHUD, SHAMGAR, DEBORAH, GIDEON.

These five judges ruled in stirring times but only for *short* periods. The Bible is silent as to how long each one administered the government, but it does say:—

"The Lord raised up Judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges but . . . . turned *quickly* out of the way which their fathers walked in." [Judges 2, 16, 17.]

A little farther on, it will be shown, on the basis of 60 years for Joshua and the Elders, that the combined rule of the 5 judges was 20 years, which gives an average of 4 years to each judge. Owing to the absence of exact periods, we shall take this average as our guide in locating their respective administrations. Of course any grouping of numbers with 20 for its total, such as:—3, 5, 2, 6, 4, would answer the purpose but the variations in distribution would be too slight for notice.

## SERVITUDES.

Strange to say, some writers count the administration of Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah and Gideon as having lasted 200 years and wipe out the servitudes, making them equal to zero, on the assumption that only "years of Divine favor" should enter into the problem. They contend that the others were "blotted out" and no longer remembered. This is very beautiful in theory, but it is poor mathematics. True, it disposes of unwelcome numbers, but after all, the years came and went just like ordinary years and unquestionably entered into the lives of Salmon, Boaz, Obed, and Jesse the father of David. Now it is a well known fact that Nahshon, the father of Salmon, died before Israel crossed the Jordan, also that from the Crossing to the birth of David was by least calculation 366 years. After Salmon came Boaz, Obed and Jesse, making 4 generations from Jordan to David with an average of about 90 years to a generation. This figure is wholly within the bounds of reason for we are told that Jacob had two sons after he was 90 years old and that Abraham had 6 sons after he was 100 years old. But when we are asked to believe that the 4 generations—Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse—averaged say 135 years to a generation we say decidedly, No!—because the oldest men of those times were Levi 137—Kohath 133—Amram 137—Moses 120 and Jehoiada 130.

Even 90 years cannot be accepted as the average length, because the genealogies of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthan show distinctly an average of about 30 years to a generation and on that basis, it is evident that 8 names have been omitted between Salmon and Boaz. This is easily accounted for by the loss of records when Shiloh fell and the Ark was taken in B.C. 1121. Whence we learn that Boaz should be regarded as a descendant of Salmon and not as his own son.

## EXODUS TO THE TEMPLE.

We give below a list of those who bore rule from the Exodus to the kingdom, and add to the same the 83 years from the kingdom to the Temple.

## SUMMARY.

Joshua	5, 6	Moses ruled . . . . .			40 years		
"	14, 10	The land divided at the end of . . . . .			6 "		
"	24, 31	Joshua and "The Elders" . . . . .			60 "		46
Judges	3, 8	Servitude to Mesopotamia . . . . .			8 "		
"	3, 11	Othniel . . . . .			4 "		
"	3, 14	Servitude to Moabites . . . . .			18 "		
"	3, 30	Ehud and Shamgar . . . . .			8 "		
"	4, 3	Servitude to Canaanites . . . . .			20 "		
"	5, 31	Deborah . . . . .			4 "		
"	6, 1	Servitude to Midianites . . . . .			7 "		
"	8, 28	Gideon . . . . .			4 "		
"	9, 22	Abimelech ruled . . . . .			3 "		
"	10, 2	Tola . . . . .			23 "		
"	10, 3	Jair . . . . .			22 "		
"	10, 8	Servitude to Philistines and Ammonites . . . . .			19 "		
"	12, 7	Jephthah ruled . . . . .			6 "		200
"	12, 9	Ibzan . . . . .			7 "		
"	12, 11	Elon . . . . .			10 "		
"	12, 14	Abdon . . . . .			8 "		
"	13, 1	Servitude to Philistines [40-20] . . . . .			20 "		
"	15, 20	Samson ruled . . . . .			20 "		
1 Sam.	4, 18	Eli . . . . .			40 "		
See page 8		Samuel . . . . .			39 "		
							150
		EXODUS TO THE KINGDOM . . . . .			396 yrs		
		To Temple	{	Saul      40 yrs David    40 " Solomon 3 "			83
		EXODUS TO THE TEMPLE . . . . .					479

"And it came to pass in the 480th year [479 years having gone by] after the children of Israel were come out of Egypt . . . . . that they began to build the house of the Lord." [1 Kings 6, 1]

## SAUL'S 31ST AND 32ND YEARS.

Another cause of perplexity, and one quite familiar to proof-readers, arises when in order to preserve the consistency of the text something must be supplied. For example, in keeping with I Kin. 16, 8 we supply twentieth for the word "thirtieth" in II Chron. 16, 1—15, 19.—In harmony with II Kin. 8, 26 we supply twenty for the word "forty" in II Chron. 22, 2. Supported by II Kin. 24, 8 we supply eighteen for the word "eight" in II Chron. 36, 9. Again, when Saul was chosen king we are told that he was:—

"a choice young man, and a goodly; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he; from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people." [I Samuel 9, 2.]

However, he was so bashful that at the critical moment when Samuel was ready to make him king, Saul hid himself "among the stuff." A little farther on we read:—

"Saul reigned (——) one year; and when he had reigned (——) two years over Israel, Saul chose him 3000 men;" placed 1000 under Jonathan in Gibeah and retained 2000 in Michmash under his own command. [I Samuel 13, 1.]

So sudden a transition is very surprising but the same old treatment applies:—"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES"—

and all will become plain as daylight. Turn to II Samuel 2, 10 and you will learn that Saul's 2nd son—Ish-bosheth—was 40 years old when Saul died, he therefore was born the same year that Saul was made king. But the elder brother, Jonathan, was born at least one year before Ish-bosheth, so that Saul came to the kingdom as the father of two boys and not as a mere callow youth. Read now the account of Jonathan's deeds of valor and you will not err if you supply the numeral 30. The text will then read:—

"Saul reigned (thirty) one years; and when he had reigned (thirty) two years over Israel, Saul chose him 3000 men;" placed 1000 under Jonathan in Gibeah and retained 2000 in Michmash under his own command.

Thus we realize that Scripture will always explain itself.

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### LAST 4 YEARS OF ABSALOM.

Superfluous figures as well as omissions occur in the experience of proofreaders. A case in point is afforded by:—*ii Samuel 15, 7.*

“And it came to pass after 40 years, that Absalom said unto the king,” &c. Here, a cypher has mysteriously entered the account, for the passage should have read:—

“After 4 years, that Absalom said unto the king.”

This correction rests on the authority of the Greek text, which reads:—

“After 4 years Absalom said unto the king.”

Also on the authority of Josephus who says:—*Antq. vii. 9, 1.*

“But when 4 years had passed.”

Besides, Absalom’s history goes to show that his entire life barely exceeded 30 years, so that 40 years would have been an impossibility.

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### GRANDFATHER—GRANDCHILD.

The Old Testament, when giving the name of a child, once removed, makes no use of the modern prefix “grand.” With it, a grandson is simply a son; and a granddaughter simply a daughter. It is important to bear this distinction in mind when locating the characters chronologically. We read frequently of Jehu the son of Nimshi [*i Kin. 19, 16*], when in truth his father was named Jehoshaphat, and his grandfather Nimshi. [*ii Kin. 9, 2.*] Then again Athaliah the daughter of Omri [*ii Chron. 22, 2*] was in reality the daughter of Ahab and granddaughter of Omri. [*ii Chron. 21, 6.*] Although Mephibosheth was called the son of

Saul [1 Sam. 19, 24], he was the son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul. [1 Sam. 4, 4.] In like manner Nebuchadnezzar was the grandfather of Belshazzar and Nabonidus the father. [Dan. 5, 11.] Achan, according to Joshua 22, 20, was the "Son of Zerah," but in reality he was the great-grandson of Zerah as explained in Joshua 7, 18. The careful reader, however, will supply the prefix "grand" as the occasion may require.

## KINGS OF ISRAEL.

The list of Israel's monarchs marshals before the inquirer an array of 495 years extending from the coronation of Saul to the burning of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. The period may be divided into three parts:—

Chronologically speaking, the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon present no difficulties. The same is true of the time when Judah alone was a nation, but many look upon the time when Israel and Judah were separate kingdoms, as a most perplexing period, in fact an enigma.

We purpose to give special attention to the supposed difficulties and to show that the Bible record is perfectly consistent and as plain as A B C.

In describing the reigns of the various kings the Bible presents the subject in a two-fold manner. One record deals with totals, as for instance—"Asa reigned 24 years"—the other record places limitations, for example—Asa began to reign in the 20th year of Jeroboam and died in the 4th year of Ahab. The latter way of presenting the subject invariably yields the best results.

Then again the Bible indicates the presence of regencies, as the result of old age, of a severe fall, of incapacity, and of leprosy, but takes no pains to put the enumerator on his guard against the error of a double count. Every careful accountant, however, as a matter of course, will search out as many checks as possible and apply them to the work in hand.

With these general features in mind, we have made a geometrical plotting of each year from B.C. 961 to 721, have studied every event in its historical setting and arrived at the following figures, which can be accepted as the true length of each king's reign.

### THE KINGDOM.

(FROM SAUL TO ZEDEKIAH.)

Acts 13, 21	Saul reigned . . . . .	40 years
I Kin. 2, 11	David " . . . . .	40 "
" 11, 42	Solomon " . . . . .	40 "
		120
" 12, 16	Rehoboam " . . . . .	18 "
" 15, 1	Abijah " . . . . .	2 "
" 15, 9	Asa " . . . . .	42 "
" 22, 41	Jehoshaphat reigned . . . . .	23 "
II Kin. 8, 16	Jehoram " (Regent 2) . . . . .	6 "
" 9, 29	Ahaziah " . . . . .	1 "
" 11, 3	Athaliah " . . . . .	6 "
" 12, 1	Joash reigned . . . . .	39 "
" 14, 1, 17	Amaziah " . . . . .	14 "
" 14, 21, 17	Uzziah " (Regent 15 yrs.) . . . . .	53 "
" 15, 32	Jotham " (Regent 14 yrs.) . . . . .	15 "
" 16, 1	Ahaz " . . . . .	15 "
" 18, 10	6th Hezekiah . . . . .	6 "
		240
" 18, 2	29th " . . . . .	23 "
" 21, 1	Manasseh reigned . . . . .	56 "
" 21, 19	Amon " . . . . .	2 "
" 22, 1	Josiah " . . . . .	31 "
" 23, 31	Jehoahaz " . . . say	½ "
" 23, 36	Jehoiakim " . . . . .	11 "
" 24, 8	Jehoiachin " . . . say	½ "
" 24, 18	Zedekiah . . . . .	11 " 135
	Total . . . . .	495

## YEARS OF ACTIVE RULE.

(REGARDLESS OF REGENCIES.)

References	JUDAH	Years of active rule	Totals	References	ISRAEL	Years of active rule	Totals
I Kin. 12, 16 " 15, 1 " 15, 9 " 22, 41	Rehoboam Abijah Asa Jehoshaphat	18 2 42 23		I Kin. 12, 16 " 15, 25 " 15, 33 " 16, 8 " 16, 22, 23 " 16, 29 " 22, 51	Jeroboam I Nadab Baasha Elah and Zimri Tibni and Omri Ahab Ahaziah	22 1 23 1 11 21 1	
II Kin. 8, 16 " 9, 29	Jehoram Ahaziah	6 1		II Kin. 1, 17, 3, 1	Joram	12	
<hr/>			92	<hr/>			92
CHANGE OF RULERS AFTER . . .			92	YEARS . . . . .			
II Kin. 11, 3 " 12, 1 " 14, 1, 17	Athaliah Joash Amaziah	6 39 14		II Kin. 9, 27 " 13, 1 " 13, 10	Jehu Jehoahaz Joash	29 14 16	
<hr/>			59	<hr/>			59
CHANGE OF RULERS AFTER . . .			59	YEARS . . . . .			
II Kin. 14, 21, 17 " 15, 32 " 16, 1 " 18, 10	Uzziah Jotham Ahaz 6th Hezekiah	53 15 15 6		II Kin. 14, 23 " 15, 8 " 15, 8 " 15, 17 " 15, 23 " 16, 1 " 17, 1 " 17, 1	Jeroboam II Zachariah and Shallum Menahem Pekahiah Pekah " 29 Hoshea	38 1 10 2 29 9	
<hr/>			89	<hr/>			89
JUDAH'S Total . . . . .		240		ISRAEL'S Total . . . . .		240	

It will be noted, that the figures take a fresh start after each simultaneous change of rulers. This feature affords an excellent check upon the work. No lapses of government occurred during the entire period, consequently there were no "interregnums."

## REGENCIES.

There are four regencies found in the history of Judah and Israel's kings which appear in the following list:

- |  |   |   |    |   |   |           |
|--|---|---|----|---|---|-----------|
| 1st. — Jehoram was made Regent 2 years before his father died. |   |   |    |   |   |           |
| 2nd. — Joram   | " | " | 6  | " | " | brother " |
| 3rd. — Uzziah  | " | " | 15 | " | " | father "  |
| 4th. — Jotham  | " | " | 14 | " | " | " "       |

These supplemental governments are largely responsible for difficulties in chronology, because in effect they introduced a double count, which at last prompted the sacred writer to try and balance his accounts, a process which only made matters worse, because it did not remove the disturbing cause.

Among the regencies, those of Uzziah and Jotham are the most complex and are thought worthy of special mention.

Amaziah reigned alone from . . . . .	b.c. 824 to 810—14 yrs.
Uzziah reigned as regent from . . . . .	" 810 to 795—15 "
Amaziah died in . . . . .	b.c. 795
Uzziah's active reign ran from . . . . .	" 810 to 757—53 "
Jotham reigned as regent . . . . .	" 757 to 743—14 "
Uzziah died in . . . . .	b.c. 743

## UNBALANCED ACCOUNTS.

We are now safely across the 240 years of divided kingdom, have reached solid ground and have settled every reign on its true basis. We are therefore in a position to review profitably the numerical work of the writer of the Book of Kings and to sympathize with him in the difficulties that beset his path, for undoubtedly many valuable records of the Sanctuary were destroyed when the Philistines burnt the town of Shiloh—1121—and carried away the Ark of the Covenant. We know not what books of reference lay before him, but cannot go far astray if we count the following list as part of the number:

UNBALANCED ACCOUNTS

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ¶ the wars of the Lord."          | 5. "Book of Jasher."    |
| ¶ the book of the kings."         | 6. "Book of Samuel the  |
| ¶ the kings of Judah and Israel." | 7. "Book of Jehu."      |
| ¶ the kings of Israel and Judah." | 8. "Book of Iddo the Se |

These works of reference have long since been destroyed, but the numerals have been preserved, and with these we have the problem that confronted the sacred author. The following table shows each item and the totals show the amounts conciled:—

**IRRECONCILABLE LENGTHS.**

JUDAH	Said to have reigned	References	ISRAEL
Rehoboam	17 yrs.	I Kin. 14, 20	Jeroboam I
Abijah	3 "	" 15, 25	Nadab
Asa	41 "	" 15, 33	Baasha
Jehoshaphat	25 "	" 16, 8	Elah and Zimri
Jehoram	8 "	" 16, 23	Tibni and Omri
Ahaziah	1 "	" 16, 29	Ahab
Queen Athaliah	6 "	" 22, 51	Ahaziah
Jehoash	40 "	II Kin. 3, 1	Jehoram
Amaziah	29 "	" 10, 36	Jehu
Uzziah	52 "	" 13, 1	Jehoahaz
Jotham	20 "	" 13, 10	Jehoash
Jotham to Hezekiah	3 "	" 14, 23	Jeroboam II
6th year of Hezekiah	6 "	" 15, 8, 13	Zachariah and Shallum
Ahaz (skipped)	16 "	" 15, 17 " 15, 23 " 16, 1 " 17, 1	Menahem Pekahiah 17 yrs. } Pekah 12 " }
			<u>Qualified by:</u>
		" 17, 1 " 18, 1	12 yrs. } Ahaz 3 " }
		" 16, 2	15 } Excess 1 16 }
		" 17, 1	Hoshea 9 yrs }
JUDAH'S Total		<b>267 yrs.</b>	ISRAEL'S Total

There was only one way out of this maze and that was a resort to the synchronous dates given in other parts of the Bible, as already explained. But the sacred writer made the fatal mistake of trying to balance the accounts, a thing which could not be done. However, he moved the 1st year of Uzziah along 27 points (II Kin. 15, 1) and thus reduced his total for Judah's kings from 267 years to 240 years. He then shortened the reign of Pekah by 9 years (II Kin. 15, 27) and thus reduced his total for Israel's kings from 249 years to 240 years.

Now that we know his process, we can easily restore the text. We have only to make:—

II Kin. 15, 1 read . . . . "In the 1st year of Jeroboam,"

II Kin. 15, 27 " . . . . "Began to reign over Israel in Samaria,  
and reigned 29 years."

and the harmony of the synchronous dates will be preserved. The same writer found a gap of 100 years between the Exodus and the Temple, which he tried to fill by adding 100 to the Ammonite period, making it 300 years instead of 200. This only produced confusion, because the time belonged:

40	years to Joshua's government.
20	" " the Elders, "
20	" " Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, and Gideon.
20	" " final servitude to Philistines.

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Total 100 years.

Each of these items should have been entered separately in its appropriate place and not recorded as a whole. We credit all of these attempts to balance accounts, to the one writer, because the idea in each case was the same, also because portions of the Books of Judges and Kings were written after Samaria fell in B.C. 721—See Judges 18, 30. Proverbs 25, 1.

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#### BOAZ AND RUTH.

The book of Ruth belongs to Eli's time and was written after David became king.

## AHAZ MADE KING AT THIRTY.

Many find difficulty in reconciling the relative ages of Ahaz and his son Hezekiah, when in turn each became king of Judah. This is owing to the fact that the attempt to balance accounts in effect struck out 10 years of actual time and made the age of Ahaz only 20 years when it should have been 30 years. The only way to correct a list of ages or reigns is to correct each false item. It cannot be accomplished by arbitrarily increasing or diminishing any one or more of the items. II Kin. 16, 2.

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## LAST YEARS OF JUDAH.

After Israel went into captivity b.c. 721, the kingdom of Judah lasted 135 years longer. In studying this interval we miss the checks afforded by synchronous dates, and yet one check remains which covers 30 years of the time and is found in Ezekiel 1, 1 and 2. It began with the Great Passover of Josiah, b.c. 623, and ran over to b.c. 593, the 5th year of Zedekiah, which was also the 5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity. This period binds together the reigns of five kings and leaves only two unchecked. However, the years b.c. 721 and 586 are themselves so surely determined that not a shadow of a doubt hangs over any reign covered by the period.

After the Chaldean rule, Judah passed successively under the control of Persia, Greece and Syria. Finally Judas Maccabeus set up the Asmonean Dynasty in b.c. 163 and his brother Simon secured entire freedom for the Nation, on Independence Day May 4th b.c. 141. Judas Aristobulus became king in b.c. 104. The dynasty lasted 126 years and was followed by the Idumean Dynasty of Herod in b.c. 37. The death of Herod b.c. 1 marked the end of Jewish national life. Rome then took control and words uttered almost 17 centuries before, by the patriarch Jacob, found their fulfilment:—

“The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”

## SABBATIC YEARS.

The Mosaic law commanded, that every 7th year, planting should be omitted and the land allowed to lie fallow. The year was called the Sabbath year and the custom was observed by Israel until they cast off the theocratic government and chose Saul for their king. Saul began to reign in B.C. 1081 and in 1073, which was a Sabbath year, Israel failed to observe the law and "inquired not at the ark in the days of Saul" (II Chron. 13, 3). After the first omission, neglect of the Sabbath year became a chronic habit and period followed period until they had disobeyed the command 70 times. The year B.C. 590 was the 70th omission, and we read in Ezek. 20, 3, 31, 21.

"And it came to pass in the 7th year in the 5th month the 10th day of the month (August 1 B.C. 590) that certain of the Elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and sat before me. Then came the word of the Lord unto me saying:—as I live saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you," &c. . . . "and my Sabbaths they greatly polluted," &c. . . .

In a word, God cast them off, and before 4 years went by, Nebuchadnezzar had burnt their Temple and put an end to their kingdom.

"They were carried away to Babylon . . . until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath to fulfil three score and ten (70) years."—II Chron. 36, 20, 21—Lev. 26, 31, 42.

But it may be asked, how can we be assured that B.C. 1073 and 590 were Sabbath years? — We answer, in view of the fact that Jewish authorities have for nearly 19 centuries recognized B.C. 37 also B.C. 30 as Sabbath years, it is fair to take them as a basis of calculation. If we divide each of these numbers by 7 we obtain 2 for a remainder. Now apply the same test to the years 1073 and 590 and we shall find a remainder of 2 in each instance. The 70 years during which the Temple lay in ruins, therefore, furnishes us with an admirable check on the

figures given in the foregoing summary of the kings of Israel and of Judah, and assures us that the figures can be implicitly relied upon for their accuracy.

The Sabbatic law reads as follows:—

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *When ye come into the land* which I give you, then shall the land keep a Sabbath unto the Lord. Six years thou shalt sow thy field . . . but in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land."—Lev. 25, 1, 2, 3.

The children of Israel crossed the Jordan and came into the land in b.c. 1437, and did their first sowing for a complete crop in the following year, hence b.c. 1430 ought to have been observed as a Sabbatic year. Applying the test already given we find that 1430 was in truth a Sabbatic year. Between that date and the standard b.c. 30 there was an interval of 200 "Weeks of years,"—in other words Sabbatic years—for the Hebrews applied the word weeks to both days and years. Their

WEEK OF DAYS ended with their Sabbath, and  
WEEK OF YEARS ended with the Sabbatic year.

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## LINK BETWEEN OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT.

In the year b.c. 538 an Heavenly Messenger was sent to the prophet Daniel, who announced that "Seventy Weeks"—or 490 years—would measure the time between the date of a certain "commandment" to restore and build Jerusalem and the date when Messiah would be cut off for the sins of others. As this period far exceeded the span of human life, the prophet was obliged, for the benefit of subsequent generations, to commit the message to writing. The decree issued by Cyrus, two years later, related only to the Temple. It therefore had nothing to do with the heavenly message. Eighty years, however, passed before the initial date or starting point was reached. Finally, Artaxerxes in the 7th year of his reign, issued a decree whose fulfilment satisfied every condition and under its pro-

visions the Jews returned to Jerusalem, led by Ezra the Scribe—Ezra 7th chapter. After vexatious delays, they finished the walls of the City in “troublous times” during the rule of Nehemiah. Neh. 4, 16.

Since Artaxerxes began to reign in the autumn of B.C. 465, the 7th year of his reign (Ezra 7, 8) extended from the autumn of B.C. 459 to the autumn of 458. What happened during the spring is recorded in the book of Ezra, and if you will calculate the respective dates with the “Idan Olamin” of Dr. Sosnitz you will find that:—

The Jews began to leave Babylon . . .	March	9th	B.C. 458
Congregated by the river to Ahava . . .	“	17-20	“ 458
Celebrated the Passover . . . . .	“	23	“ 458
Reached Jerusalem . . . . .	July	5	“ 458

Pass on now to the reign of the Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar, which began on the 19th day of August A.D. 14—the moment that Augustus Caesar died—and you will find that “the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar” mentioned in Luke 3, 1 ended August A.D. 29, at which time “Jesus himself (not yet thirty) began to be about 30 years of age.”

Add to this his ministry of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years and we arrive at the spring of A.D. 33, at which time “Messiah was cut off.”

Is it not evident, therefore, that the “Seventy Weeks,” or 490 years, form a connecting link between Old and New Testament chronology? They inseparably unite the Passover of B.C. 458 with the Passover of A.D. 33, and perfect the record.

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### THE CHRISTIAN ERA.

The Jewish calendar says that the Christian era began with the year A.M. 3760, which corresponds to our B.C. 2. The first day of that year was August 30th and the Feast of Tabernacles followed September 13th to 21st. We believe that about this time Christ was born in Bethlehem. The season was far more

suitable, for "shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night," than the bleak days of a first-century winter, when according to a contemporary writer, snowstorms abounded and armies were obliged to go into winter quarters. Our conviction rests on the date of Herod's death, which we believe occurred in the early part of the year B.C. 1.

To find this date correctly, one must turn first to secular history, which gives the following:

#### HISTORICAL DATES.

Letter.	Events.	B. C. to A. D.	From the Era.
A	Jerusalem taken by Pompey.	May 24th B.C. 63	62- $\frac{7}{12}$ years
B	The "3rd month" in Sabbatic year 37 . . . . .	June B.C. 37	36- $\frac{7}{12}$ "
C	Battle of Actium . . . . .	Sept. 3rd B.C. 31	30- $\frac{4}{12}$ "
D	Tiberius made Emperor . . . . .	Aug. 19th A.D. 14	13- $\frac{9}{12}$ "
E	Completed, "15th year of Tiberius". . . . .	Aug. 19th A.D. 29	28- $\frac{8}{12}$ "
F	Tiberius Caesar died . . . . .	March 26th A.D. 37	36- $\frac{3}{12}$ "
	A . . . . .	62- $\frac{7}{12}$	
	F . . . . .	36- $\frac{3}{12}$	
	Total A to F	98- $\frac{19}{12}$	

We next turn to the Jewish historian, Josephus, and receive our second group of figures:—

#### LENGTH OF REIGNS.

Letter.	Josephus.	RULER and KINGS.	Length of time.
G	Antq. 20, 10, 1	Hyreanus II, ruled from B.C. 63	24 yrs. 0 mos.
H	" 20, 10, 1	Antigonus reigned . . . . .	3 " 3 "
J	" 14, 15, 4	" slain at Antioch after	0 " 4 "
K	" 17, 18, 1	Herod reigned after slaying Antigonus. . . . .	34 " 0 "
L	" 18, 9, 4	Interim until kingdom was divided	0 " 4 "
M	" 18, 4, 6	Philip reigned . . . . .	37 " 0 "
		Total G to M . . . . .	98 yrs. 11 mos.

By comparing these tables, which extend from B.C. 63 to A.D. 37, we find that in respect to totals, Josephus and history agree, but this does not prove that Josephus assigned correct lengths to the respective periods. On the contrary, his first 3 items overshot the mark by about 19 months.

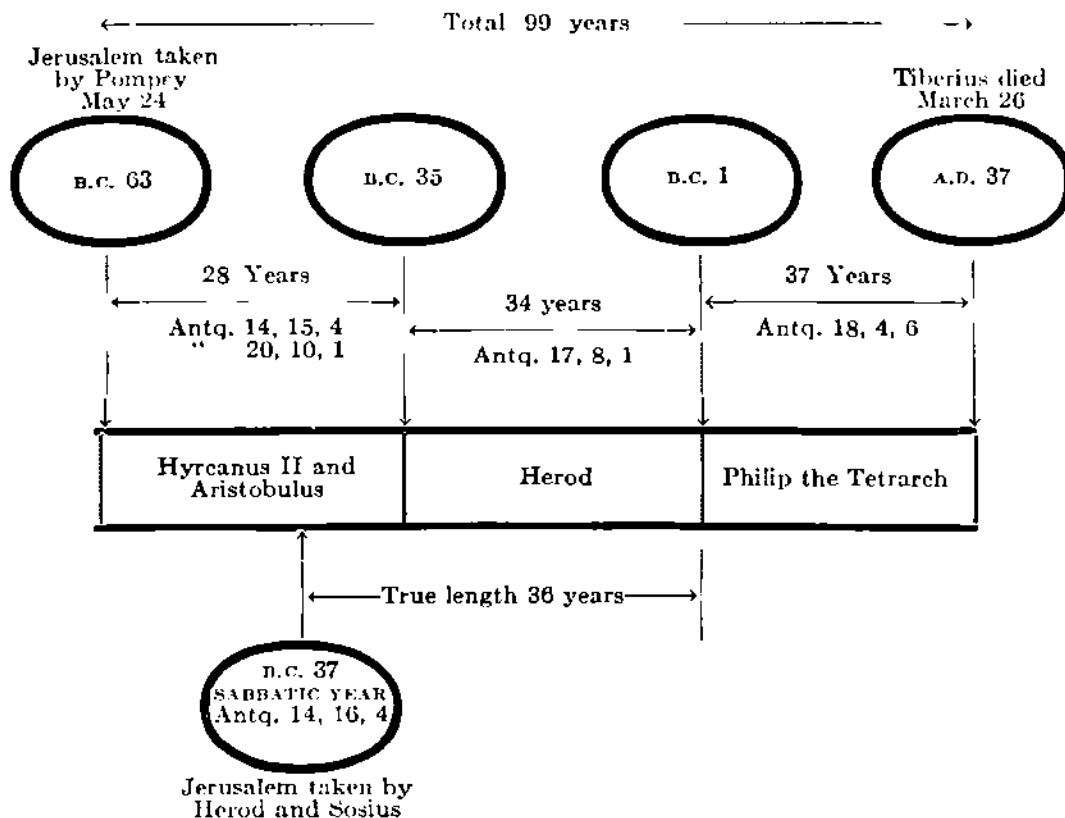
Thus:

G, II, and J added together equals . . . . .	27 yrs. 7 mos.
Less the difference between A and B equals . . . . .	26 " 0 "
Excess . . . . .	1 yr. 7 mos.

The effect of this surplus is to place the capture of Jerusalem by Herod and Sosius in January B.C. 35. An impossible date, because the city was taken in the "3rd month of the 185 olympiad," and B.C. 35 fell in the 186th olympiad. Besides, B.C. 35 was not a "Sabbatic year," while B.C. 37 was so observed. It is perfectly evident, therefore, that these 19 months belong and must be given to Herod's reign.

Just a word about the item J. When Herod had taken Antigonus prisoner, he sent him to Antony, who was encamped at Antioch. The attention gratified Antony, who resolved that Antigonus should grace his triumph at Rome. Herod, however, was determined to have his enemy put out of the way, so he "gave Antony a great deal of money and endeavored to persuade him to have Antigonus slain." The negotiations continued until the nation of the Jews became "seditious." Antony finally yielded and Antigonus was beheaded. After making due allowances for the distance between the parties and the difficulties of the case, we have estimated the time of Antigonus' incarceration at 4 months. This factor could not be left out of the problem because Josephus takes the time when Antigonus was slain as his starting point, and not the time of his capture.

The following diagram will explain the situation and show why Josephus made the mistake of calling Herod's reign 34 years instead of 36 years.



We have then:—

Herod made king by the Romans,—Wars 1, 18.	B.C. 40
Herod conquered Jerusalem . . . . .	B.C. 37
Herod died . . . . .	B.C. 1
Agrippa succeeded Philip . . . . .	A.D. 37
Measuring from both starting points, Herod's reign covered respectively $38\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. $35\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	

We have made these calculations with special care, because among scholars the impression is deep-seated that Herod reigned 34 years after Antigonus was slain and died in B.C. 4.

We now propose to show in round numbers the correct result—36 years—by other computations and will use different landmarks for our starting point.

FIRST:—

From beginning of Judas Maccabeus' rule in B.C. 163 to the death of Tiberius Caesar, A.D. 37, was . . . 199 years

Take from this the:—

Asmonean dynasty [Jos. 14, 6, 4] . . .	126 years
Reign of Philip the Tetrarch . . . . .	<u>37 " 163 "</u>
and we learn that HEROD REIGNED . . . . .	<u>36 years</u>

## SECOND:—

From battle of Actium, Sept. 3 B.C. 31 to the death of Tiberius Caesar, March 26 A.D. 37 was . . . . .	$66\frac{1}{2}$ years
Battle of Actium took place "in 7th year of Herod's reign," [Jos. 15, 5, 2] say . . . . .	$6\frac{5}{6}$ "
Total . . . . .	73 years

Take from this, the:—

Reign of Philip the Tetrarch . . . . . 37 " and we learn that HEROD REIGNED . . . . 36 years

Further proof can hardly be necessary. It will be observed that we dismiss the contentions which rest for support on the joint rule of Augustus and Tiberius, also upon the eclipse of March 13, B.C. 4.

The absurdity of the joint-rule scheme, which selects A.D. 11 for the 1st year of Tiberius' reign, is shown by the history of Philip, who—Jos. Antq. 18, 4, 6—died “in the 20th year of Tiberius,” in other words, A.D. 31. Now subtract Philip's reign of 37 years and we find that Herod must have died in B.C. 7, 3 years before the lunar eclipse of March 13th B.C. 4, and after a reign of only about 30 years.

We also reject that eclipse, because it happened during the FEAST of Purim, while Josephus claims that the eclipse occurred "the night before the fast."—Antq. 17, 6, 4. So long as a *feast* is not a *fast*, we accept as standard time the lunar eclipse of January 9th, B.C. 1, because a careful calculation, based on the Idan Olamin of Dr. Sosnitz, will prove that this eclipse took place the night before the FAST of Tebet, exactly as stated in the text.

## **JOSEPHUS AND CHRONOLOGY.**



## HOW TO READ JOSEPHUS.

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BEYOND all question, Josephus is a hard writer to follow and many often feel when consulting his Works as though they were at sea without date or compass. This defect however can be overcome as Josephus was no romancer, but at all times the conscientious and upright historian. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the first century, about which he wrote as an eye witness. As regards preceding ages he culled facts and figures from the "Sacred Books" of the Jews, of which he was made the Custodian, also from a fine reference library. He names fifty authors found in that collection. His great fault lies in the fact that being an active man of affairs he did not take the trouble to properly review his own writings, striking out conflicting statements, supplying omissions, and correcting miscalculations; he simply drove ahead and left this heritage of careless composition.

We have made the long-needed review and supplied the corrections. If the reader will make marginal notes of our corrections in his own copy, the difficulties of Josephus will fade away and his true value as an historian will be appreciated by all.

# CORRECTIONS FOR ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS.

BOOK	FOR	READ
Preface, 3	5000	4900
"    3	2000	1500
I    3, 3	2656	2256
"    6, 5	292	1063
"    6, 5	70th	130
"    18, 1	After the death	Before the death
"    22, 1	185	180
II   11, 2	Raguel	Jethro
V   1, 28	20th year	40th year
"   1, 29	25 years	46 years
"   3, 3	40 "	4 "
"   4, 3	80 "	8 "
"   5, 4	40 "	4 "
"   6, 1	3 "	7 "
"   6, 7	40 "	4 "
"   7, 6	Judge omitted	(Insert) Tola 23 years
"   7, 9	300 years	200 years
"   7, 15	Judge omitted	(Insert) Abdon 8 years
VI  5, 4	18 years	20 years
"  13, 5	12 "	39 "
"  13, 5	18 "	38 "
"  14, 9	18 "	38 "
"  14, 9	2 [and 20] years	2 "
VII 3, 2	515 years	397 "
"  15, 3	1300 "	865 "
VIII 3, 1	592 "	479 "
"  "  "	1020 "	909 "
"  "  "	1440 "	2047 "
"  "  "	3102 "	4302 "
"  7, 8	Reigned 80 years	Reigned 40 years
"  12, 3	"    24 "	"    23 "
"  "  4	"    2 "	"    1 "
"  "  5	"    12 "	"    11 "
"  13, 1	"    22 "	"    21 "

BOOK		FOR	READ
IX	2, 1	Reigned 2 years	Reigned 1 year
"	3, 2	" 25 "	" 23 years
"	5, 3	" 8 "	" 6 "
"	8, 1	" 27 "	" 29 "
"	" 5	21st year	23rd year
"	" "	17 years	14 years
"	9, 3	Reigned 29 years	Reigned 14 years
"	10, 1.3	" 40 "	" 38 "
"	" 3	In the 14th year	In the 1st year
"	11, 1	20 years	29 years
"	12, 3	Reigned 16 years	Reigned 15 years
"	14, 1	947 years	756 years
"	" "	800 "	670 "
X	1, 1	In the 14th year	In the 28th year
"	4, 4	361 years	338 years
"	8, 4	514 " 6 months, 1 day	455 "
"	" "	Government 20 years	40 "
"	8, 5	Burnt 470, 6 mos., 10 days	412 "
"	" "	1062 years, 6 " 10 "	891 "
"	" "	1957 " 6 " 10 "	2459 "
"	" "	3513 " 6 " 10 "	4714 "
"	9, 7	130 " 6 " 10 "	135 "
"	11, 2	Reign of 18 years	2 "
"	" "	" " 40 "	4 "
"	" 4	360 provinces	120 provinces
"	" 7	1296 days	1290 days
XI	3, 2	127 provinces	120 provinces
"	4, 7	7 years	5 years
"	" "	9th year	6th year
"	" "	23rd day	3rd day
"	" 8	532 years, 6 mos., 10 days	495 years
"	" "	500 "	356 "
"	5, 1	Esdras	Ezra
"	5 chap.	Xerxes	Artaxerxes

BOOK		FOR	READ
XI	5, 4	Tebeth	Chislev
"	" 7	25th year	20th year
"	" 8	2 years, 4 months	4 months
"	" "	28th year	20th year
"	6 chap.	Artaxerxes	Xerxes
XII	7, 6	154th Olympiad	153rd Olympiad
"	" "	408 years	370 years
"	11, 2	3 "	146th to 149th year. (Seleu)
XIII	2, 3	4 "	7 years, 6 months
"	6, 6	4 "	7 yrs. one dynasty 3 in another
"	8, 2	162nd Olympiad	161st Olympiad
"	11, 1	481½ years	432 years
XIV	1, 2	3rd year, 177th Olympiad	2nd year, 178th Olympiad
"	8, 5	Hyrc. to be high priest	Hyrc. II. to be high priest
"	" "	9th year Hyrcanus	9th year Hyrcanus I
"	9, 2	15 years of age	18 years of age
"	16, 4	"of the Fast as if"	Solemnity of the Feast
"	" "	27 years	26 years
XV	6, 4	40 "	23 "
XVII	6, 3	125 "	126 "
"	" 4	Date of Eclipse	January 9th, B.C. 1
"	8, 1	34 years	35½ years
"	" "	37 "	38½ "
XVIII,	2, 1	Conclusion	Began in 37th ; ended in 40th
"	4, 6	20th year	23rd year
"	6, 10	5 months, 3 days	7 months, 8 days
XIX	2, 5	4 "	2 "
XX	10, 1	612 years	479 years
"	" "	466 " 6 mos., 10 days	412 "
"	" "	414 "	373 "
"	" "	Jacimus	Judas 3 years, Jacimus 1 year
"	" "	Macabean high priest	No high priest 7 years
"	" "	Jonathan's reign	7 yrs one dynasty, 3 yrs another
"	10, 1	Hyrcanus 30 years	Hyrcanus 31 years
"	" "	As many months	6 months
"	" "	24 years more	22 years, 9 months
"	" "	107 years	106 years
"	11, 2	2000 "	1546 "

## CORRECTIONS FOR JEWISH WAR.

BOOK	FOR	READ
Preface 7	3 years, 3 months	3 years
I 1, 1	3 " 6 "	" "
" 2, 8	33 entire years	31 "
" 3, 1	471½ years	432 "
" 10, 4	Very young	18 " old
" 33, 8	34 years	35½ "
" " "	37 "	38½ "
II 7, 3	9th year	10th year
" 10, 5	6 months, 3 days	7 months, 8 days
" 11, 1	8 "	9 " 29 "
V 9, 4	3 years, 6 months	3 years
VI 4, 5	10th day of Ab.	August 5th A.D. 70
" " 8	1130 years, 7 mos. 15 days	1067 years, 4 months
" " "	639 " 1 " 15 "	605 "
" 10, 1	2nd year, 8th day	Sept. 2nd A.D. 70
" " "	1468 years, 6 months	1321 years
" " "	477 " 6 "	455 "
" " "	1179 years	1110 "
" " "	2177 "	1976 "

## CORRECTIONS FOR APION.

BOOK	FOR	READ
I 1	5000 years	5370 years
" 8	3000 "	3864 "
" 19	70 "	50 "
" "	29 "	21 "
" 21	18th year	19th year
" "	2nd " of Cyrus	2nd " of Darius
" "	" " " Darius	6th " " "
II 2	612 years	479 years



## BIBLE CHRONOLOGY.



## GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

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THE most reliable data, extending from Adam to Terah, the father of Abraham, gives the following dates:

Adam . . . . .	b.c. 5300
The Flood . . . . .	b.c. 3045
Confusion of tongues . . . . .	b.c. 2633
Birth of Terah . . . . .	b.c. 2112

Thus far, Bible chronology can only be classed as approximate, simply because different opinions may be held regarding the weight of evidence found in the various texts—Hebrew, Septuagint, Samaritan, and the text of Josephus. But, from Terah, the father of Abraham, onward to the time when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple, and chronology connects with modern history, the periods are *exact* and the events follow each other in perfect order. The reason for this is found in the fact that the Bible has spanned this great stream of time by four arches of known length.

Span 1. Life of Terah . . . . .	205 years.	Gen. xi. 32
Span 2. From Promise to Exodus	430 "	Exod. xii. 41
Span 3. From Exodus to Temple	479 "	1 Kings vi. 1
Span 4. Temple building to burning	412 "	Kings, 495-83 years.

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Total width 1526 years.  
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In the matter of patriarchal birth-dates, we give preference to the figures of Josephus, because Vespasian made him custodian of the "Sacred Books" which Titus captured in Jerusalem and carried in triumph to Rome. These books were spread out before Josephus when he wrote his "Antiqui-

ties of the Jews," consequently his writings are the latest and best testimony we have as to the contents of those official volumes. Furthermore, the birth-periods of the patriarchs as given by him, run in unison with patriarchal ages and are free from those irregularities which characterize the Hebrew text. There is reason to believe that human life matured in those days very much as it does now. With them a man was counted old at 900 years of age, just as a man of 90 years is regarded at the present day. If then the man of 900 had a son at 200 years, the man of 90 would be expected to have a son at 20 years. All of which seems perfectly natural, besides it harmonizes with the figures that Josephus copied out of the "Sacred Books."

As to Nahor, the Hebrew text says he was 29 years old when Terah was born. The Samaritan says 79 years, while copies of the Septuagint range from 79 to 179 years. Josephus is silent. In this case alone, we are compelled to take independent action. We are reminded that Terah himself was 130 years old when Abraham was born, and since in the majority of instances Josephus' figures exceed those of the Hebrew text by 100 years, we shall follow his example and place the age of Nahor when Terah was born at 129 years. According to the Hebrew text Arphaxad was born 2 years after the Flood, Josephus says 12 years. The latter number is by far the most probable because Arphaxad was not the eldest son of Shem, on the contrary he was his third son born after the Flood.

We shall now turn our attention to the great stream of time that ran between Terah and the destruction of the Temple.

Only one point in this span requires special attention.  
**SPAN No. 1** When Terah died at 205 years of age his son

Abraham was 75 years old, consequently Terah was 130 years old when Abraham was born. Many infer from Gen. xi. 26 that Terah was 70 years old, but manifestly such was not the case.

Jacob's descent into Egypt was the Half-way  
**SPAN No. 2** Station in "the sojournings of the children of Israel."

From the Promise to Isaac was . . . .	25 years.
From birth of Isaac to Jacob was . . . .	60 "
From Jacob to descent into Egypt was . . . .	130 "
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	215 years.
From arrival in Egypt to death of Joseph . . . .	71 years.
Years of oppression in Egypt . . . .	144 "
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Total, [Exod. xii. 41] . . . .	430 years.
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Many writers have taken the ground that the Bible **SPAN No. 3** length for this span is far too small. Some make it 573 years, while others place the figures as high as 680. *Not one of them, however, is right.* They have all lost sight of the fact that the Bible length—479 years—stated in I Kings vi. 1 contemplated generations of the same length as obtained in the life of the patriarchs Abraham and Jacob.

This last span is found by laying out the reigns **SPAN No. 4** of the kings of Judah and Israel, with due regard to the locking-dates given in the 1st and the 2nd book of Kings.

The period so determined equals . . . .	495 years.
Reign of Saul . . . .	40 years.
Deduct: { Reign of David . . . .	40 "
To building of Temple . . . .	3 " 83 "
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From Temple building to burning . . . .	412 years.
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Whence it appears that the material composing Hebrew chronology may be classified as follows:—

TEXTUAL:—

From Adam to Terah . . . . 3189 years

EXACT AND BEYOND QUESTION:—

Life of Terah . . . . . 205

Promise to Exodus . . . . . 430

Exodus to Temple . . . . . 479

Temple building to burning . . . . . 412

To Christian Era . . . . . 585 2111 years

Total 5300 years



# BIBLE CHRONOLOGY.

	<b>B.C.</b>	Years.	Totals.
From Adam to Seth . . . . .	5300 to 5071	230	
Birth of Seth to birth of Enos . . . . .	5071 to 4866	205	
Birth of Enos to birth of Cainan . . . . .	4866 to 4676	190	
Birth of Cainan to birth of Mahalaleel . . . . .	4676 to 4506	170	
Birth of Mahalaleel to birth of Jared . . . . .	4506 to 4341	165	
Birth of Jared to birth of Enoch . . . . .	4341 to 4179	162	
Birth of Enoch to birth of Methusalah . . . . .	4179 to 4014	165	
Birth of Methusalah to birth of Lamech . . . . .	4014 to 3827	187	
Birth of Lamech to birth of Noah . . . . .	3827 to 3645	182	
Birth of Noah to the Flood . . . . .	3645 to 3045	600	
<b>Adam to Flood</b>		<hr/>	2256
The Flood . . . . .	3045 to 3044	1	
The Flood to birth of Arphaxad . . . . .	3044 to 3032	12	
Birth of Arphaxad to birth of Salah . . . . .	3032 to 2897	135	
Birth of Salah to birth of Eber . . . . .	2897 to 2767	130	
Birth of Eber to birth of Peleg . . . . .	2767 to 2633	134	
The Confusion of Tongues . . . . .	B.C. 2633	<hr/>	
<b>Flood to Babel</b>		<hr/>	412
Birth of Peleg to birth of Reu . . . . .	2633 to 2503	130	
Birth of Reu to birth of Serug . . . . .	2503 to 2373	130	
Birth of Serug to birth of Nahor . . . . .	2373 to 2241	132	
The death of Eber, father of Hebrews . . . . .	2303		
Birth of Nahor to birth of Terah . . . . .	2241 to 2112	129	
<b>Babel to Terah</b>		<hr/>	521
Birth of Terah to birth of Abraham . . . . .	2112 to 1982	130	
Birth of Abraham to the Promise . . . . .	1982 to 1907	75	
<b>SPAN No. 1</b>		<hr/>	205
The Promise to birth of Isaac . . . . .	1907 to 1882	25	
Birth of Isaac to birth of Jacob . . . . .	1882 to 1822	60	
Birth of Jacob to birth of Joseph . . . . .	1822 to 1731	91	
Birth of Joseph to descent into Egypt . . . . .	1731 to 1692	39	
Arrival in Egypt to death of Joseph . . . . .	1692 to 1621	71	
Years of Oppression in Egypt . . . . .	1621 to 1477	144	
<b>SPAN No. 2</b>		<hr/>	430
			3824

	B.C.	Years.   Totals.
The birth of Aaron . . . . .	1561	3824
The birth of Moses . . . . .	1557	
Moses fled from Egypt . . . . .	1517	
The birth of Caleb . . . . .	1516	
THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT . . . . .	1477	
People rebelled; death sentences . . . . .	1475	
The death of Aaron . . . . .	1438	
The death of Moses . . . . .	1437	
Israel in the Wilderness . . . . .	1477 to 1437	40
Israel crossed the Jordan . . . . .	1437	
The land divided . . . . .	1431	
The rule of Joshua . . . . .	1437 to 1391	46
The Elders and "No king" . . . . .	1391 to 1371	20
Servitude in Mesopotamia . . . . .	1371 to 1363	8
Othniel 1st Judge . . . . .	1363 to 1359	4
Servitude to Moabites . . . . .	1359 to 1341	18
Ehud 2nd Judge . . . . .	1341 to 1334	7
Shamgar 3rd Judge . . . . .	1334 to 1333	1
Servitude to Canaanites . . . . .	1333 to 1313	20
Deborah 4th Judge . . . . .	1313 to 1309	4
Servitude to Midianites . . . . .	1309 to 1302	7
Gideon 5th Judge . . . . .	1302 to 1298	4
Abimelech 6th Judge . . . . .	1298 to 1295	3
Tola 7th Judge . . . . .	1295 to 1272	23
History of BOAZ and RUTH . . . . .	— 1140 —	
Jair 8th Judge . . . . .	1272 to 1250	22
Servitude to Ammonites . . . . .	1250 to 1231	19
Jephthah 9th Judge . . . . .	1231 to 1225	6
Ibzan 10th Judge . . . . .	1225 to 1218	7
Elon 11th Judge . . . . .	1218 to 1208	10
Abdon 12th Judge . . . . .	1208 to 1200	8
{ Servitude to Philistines . . . . .	1200 to 1180	20
{ Samson 13th Judge . . . . . }	1180 to 1160	20
Eli 14th Judge . . . . .	1160 to 1120	40
Samuel 15th Judge . . . . .	1120 to 1081	39
Saul 1st King . . . . .	1081 to 1041	40
Sabbatic periods neglected, II Chron., 36, 21.	1080 to 590	
David 2nd King . . . . .	1041 to 1001	40
Temple begun, 4th year of Solomon . . . . .	1001 to 998	3
<b>SPAN No. 3</b>	.	479
Solomon (3 + 37 = 40 yrs.) . . . . .	998 to 961	37
Kingdom divided . . . . .	961	
		4303

JUDAH.	ISRAEL.	B.C.	Years.	Totals.
Rehoboam . . .	. . . . .	961 to 943	37 18	4303
Abijah . . .	Jeroboam I . . .	961 to 939		
Asa . . .		943 to 941	2	
		941 to 899	42	
	Nadab . . .	939 to 938		
	Baasha . . .	938 to 915		
	Elah [Zimri = 7 days]	915 to 914		
	Tibni and Omri . . .	914 to 909		
	Omri, alone . . .	909 to 903		
	Ahab . . .	903 to 882		
Jehoshaphat . . .	. . . . .	899 to 876	23	
[died b.c. 875]	Ahaziah [died b.c. 876]	882 to 881		
	Joram . . .	881 to 869		
Jehoram . . .	. . . . .	876 to 870	6	
Ahaziah . . .	. . . . .	870 to 869	1	
	Jehu . . .	869 to 840		
Queen Athaliah . . .	. . . . .	869 to 863	6	
Joash . . .	. . . . .	863 to 824	39	
	Jehoahaz . . .	840 to 826		
	Jehoash . . .	826 to 810		
Amaziah [died b.c. 795]	. . . . .	824 to 810	14	
Uzziah [died b.c. 743]	. . . . .	810 to 757	53	
	Jeroboam II . . .	810 to 772		
	Zachariah and Shallum	772 to 771		
	Menahem . . .	771 to 761		
	Pekahiah . . .	761 to 759		
	Pekah . . .	759 to 730		
Jotham . . .	. . . . .	757 to 742	15	
Ahaz . . .	. . . . .	742 to 727	15	
	Hoshea . . .	730 to 721		
	Israel carried to Assyria	721		
Hezekiah . . .	. . . . .	727 to 698	29	
Manassch . . .	. . . . .	698 to 642	56	
Amon . . .	. . . . .	642 to 640	2	
Josiah . . .	. . . . .	640 to 609	31	
Jehoahaz (counted with Jehoiachin)	. . .	609		
Jehoiakim . . .	. . . . .	609 to 598	11	
Daniel and princes taken to Babylon	. . . . .	606		
Babylonian captivity . . .	. . . . .	606 to 536		
Jehoiachin . . .	. . . . .	598 to 597	1	
Zedekiah's reign . . .	. . . . .	597 to 586	11	
<b>SPAN No. 4</b>				412
				4715

	B.C.	Years.	Totals.
Israel rejected (Ezek. xx. 3) . . . . .	590		4715
Divine indignation . . . . .	590 to 520		
Temple burnt by Nebuchadnezzar . . . . .	586		
No Temple Service . . . . .	585 to 515	70	
Death of Nebuchadnezzar . . . . .	562		
Cyrus made King of Persia . . . . .	558		
Belshazzar . . . . .	541 to 538		
Cyrus took Babylon . . . . .	538		
Darius the Mede . . . . .	538 to 536		
Jews liberated by Cyrus . . . . .	536		
Darius Hystaspes . . . . .	521 to 485		
Zerubbabel's Temple begun . . . . .	520		
Probation, followed by Indignation . . . . .	520 to 450		
Zerubbabel's Temple finished . . . . .	515		
Zerubbabel's to Nehemiah's Temple . . . . .	515 to 415	70	
Xerxes king of Persia . . . . .	485 to 465		
Esther, queen of Persia . . . . .	478 to 472		
Artaxerxes king of Persia . . . . .	465 to 425		
{ Exodus of Jews from Persia, before Passover " SEVENTY WEEKS " of Daniel = 490 years } Passover B.C. 458 to Passover A.D. 33 = 490	458		
Temple restored by Nehemiah . . . . .	445		
From Temple to death of Artaxerxes . . . . .	445 to 425	20	
Nehemiah ruled as Governor . . . . .	445 to 433		
Last date given in Old Testament . . . . .	433		
History foretold by Daniel xi. chap. . . . .	425 to 163	262	
Persia conquered at Cunaxa . . . . .	401		
Persia conquered by Alexander . . . . .	331		
ERA OF SELEUCIDAE COMMENCED.			
{ By Greek standard, October 1st B.C. . . . .	312		
{ By Babylonian standard, March B.C. . . . .	311		
{ By Josephus' standard, October 1st B.C. . . . .	312		
{ By I and II Maccabees' October 1st B.C. . . . .	312		
Defeat of the Carthaginians . . . . .	202		
{ Temple despoiled, Nov. 27th . . . . .	168		
{ Asmonean Dynasty . . . . .	163 to 37		
{ " Feast of Lights " Nov. 25th . . . . .	165		
Judas Maccabeus, high priest . . . . .	163 to 160	3	
No Asmonean high priest (Alcimus) . . . . .	160 to 153	7	
Jonathan Maccabeus, high priest . . . . .	153 to 143	10	
Simon, Captain . . . . .	145 to 143		
Simon, high priest . . . . .	143 to 135	8	
			450
			4715

	B.C.	Years.	Totals.
INDEPENDENCE DAY, MAY 4th . . . . .	141	450	4715
John Hyrcanus, high priest . . . . .	135 to 104	31	
Judas Aristobulus, king . . . . .	104 to 103	1	
Alexander Janneus, king . . . . .	103 to 76	27	
Queen Alexandra . . . . .	76 to 67	9	
Birth of Herod the Great . . . . .	71		
Hyrcanus II and Aristobulus . . . . .	67 to 63	4	
Jerusalem taken by Pompey, May 24th . . . . .	63		
Hyrcanus II . . . . .	63 to 40	23	
Herod made Governor . . . . .	54		
Antigonus . . . . .	40 to 37	3	
Herod made King . . . . .	40		
Herod captured Jerusalem . . . . .	37		
Herod reigned . . . . .	37 to 1	36	
Battle of Actium, Sept. 3rd . . . . .	31		
First year of famine . . . . .	24		
The Sanctuary dedicated . . . . .	18		
Birth of king Agrippa . . . . .	10		
Alexander and Aristobulus slain . . . . .	4		
Christ born in Bethlehem . . . . .	2		
Death of Herod . . . . .	1		
To Christian Era . . . . .	. . . . .	1	
Zedekiah to A.D. 1 . . . . .	. . . . .	585	
Total number of years		5300	

From this total of years it is evident that the history of our race, according to the Hebrew system of chronology, began with the year B.C. 5300.



## **ISRAEL AND CHRONOLOGY.**



## ON THE ROAD TO CANAAN.

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ONE is apt to think of Israel as spending 40 years on the road to Canaan and lose sight of the fact, that 39 of those years were spent in camp, while only one year was consumed in covering their entire journey of 1100 miles between Rameses and the river Jordan. The Bible record is complete as to the route followed, but the history of their journey is scattered through half a dozen different books, the record changing back and forth from one place to another nearly 100 times. We have assembled this data and illustrated the route by an itinerary map. In order to bring out the names of places with greater clearness we have omitted the mountain ranges and gorges, but in plotting the line of march both their location and the gradients overcome have been carefully taken into the account, hence the course shown is topographically correct.

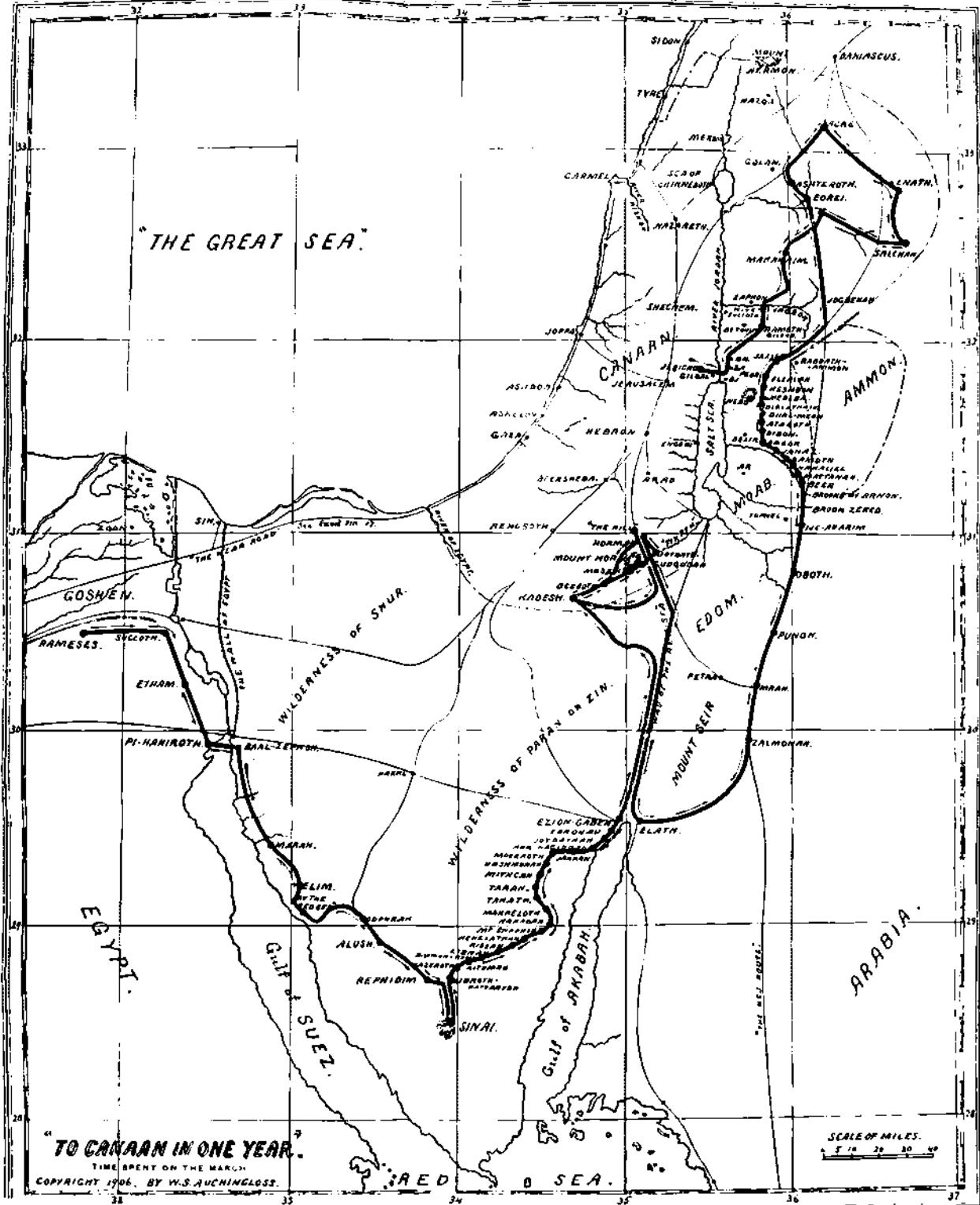
Israel's journey may be divided into three sections, viz:—Rameses to Sinai, thence to Kadesh, and finally to the crossing of the Jordan. They tarried 11 months at Sinai and 38 years at Kadesh.

We find that in Bible geography as in Bible chronology, a golden thread of logical sequence binds all together and proclaims a Divine origin.





"THE GREAT SEA."



"TO CANAAN IN ONE YEAR."

TIME SPENT ON THE MAP.

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SCALE OF MILES.

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# ISRAEL'S ITINERARY.

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Exodus 12, 37	Left Rameses—"zoan."	B.C. 1477, April 19th	
Num. 33, 5	Arrival at Succoth	" April	30
Exod. 15, 22	Etham, or Shur	" "	
" 14, 9	Pi-hahiroth	" "	42
" 15	Crossed the Red Sea	" probably May	
" 15, 22	Wilderness of Shur	" "	
" 23	Marah	" "	47
" 27	Elim	" "	
Num. 33, 10	"By the Red Sea"	" "	28
Exod. 16, 1	Wilderness of Sin	" May 19th	
Num. 33, 12	Dophkak . . . camped	" May	
" 13	Alush	" "	
Exod. 17, 1	Rephidim	" "	
" 19, 2	Desert of Sinai	" "	
" 1	Arrived at Mt. Sinai	" June 3rd	82
Num. 10, 11	Left " "	B.C. 1476, May 12th	
" 11, 3	{ Taberah . . . camped	" " 15th	
" 34	{ Kibroth-hattaavah	" month of June	
" 35	Hazereth	" probably June	
" 12, 16	Wilderness of Paran	" "	
" 33, 18	Rithinah . . . camped	" "	
" 19	Rimmon-perez	" "	
" 20	Libnah	" "	
" 21	Rissah	" "	
" 22	Kehelathah	" "	
" 23	Mt. Shapher	" "	
" 24	Haradah	" "	
" 25	Makhaloth	" "	
" 26	Jahath . . . camped	" probably July	
" 27	Tarah	" "	
" 28	Mitheah	" "	
" 29	Hashmonah	" "	
" 30	Moseroth . . . camped	" "	

Total, 229



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" 30	Moseroth . . . camped	" "	

Total, 229

REFERENCES	NAMES OF PLACES	DATES OF ARRIVAL	MILES
Num. 33, 31	Bene-jaakan	B.C. 1476, probably July	229
" " 32	Hor-hagidgad	" "	
" " 33	Jotbathah	" "	
" " 34	Ebronah camped	" "	
" " 35	Ezion-gaber "	" "	116
Judges 11, 16	The Red Sea to Kadesh	" "	97
Num. 13, 20	Wilderness of Paran, or	B.C. 1476, month of July	86
" " 21	Zin		
" 20, 1, 22	"People abode in Kadesh"	" 1475, March 12th	
Joshua 24, 7			
Deu. 1, 46	[Ayn Qadees.]		
" 2, 1, 14	Left Kadesh after 38 yrs.	B.C. 1438, month of July	
" 10, 6	Beeroth	" " "	
Num. 33, 37	Mosera, facing Mt. Hor*	" July 20th	
Deu. 10, 7	Gudgodah	" August 20th	
" " 7	Jotbath	" probably Aug.	
Judges 1, 17	Hormah or Zephath	" "	40
Num. 21, 3			
Deu. 2, 8	Plain, or Way of the Arabah	" probably Sept.	102
" " 8	Wilderness of Moab	" "	
Num. 33, 41	Zalmonah	" "	56
" " 42	Punon	" "	
" 21, 10	Oboth	" "	
" " 11	Ije-abarim	" "	
Deu. 1, 1	Tophel	" "	
Num. 21, 12	Valley of Zared	" "	
Deu. 2, 26	Wilderness of Kedemoth	" "	87
Num. 21, 14	Brooks of Arnon	" "	
" " 16	Beer	" "	
" " 18	Mattanah	" "	
" " 19	Nahaliel	" "	
" " 19	Bamoth	" "	
Deu. 2, 32	Jahaz	" "	
" 4, 43	Bezer—city of refuge	" "	
Joshua 13, 9	Areor	" "	27

\*Jebel Madurah.

Total, 840

REFERENCES	NAMES OF PLACES	DATES OF ARRIVAL	MILES
			840
Joshua 13, 17	Dibon	B.C. 1438, probably Sept.	
Num. 32, 3	Ataroth	" "	
" 33, 46	Almon-diblathaim	" "	
Josh. 13, 9	Medeba	" "	
" " 17	Baal-meon	" "	
Num. 33, 47	Mts. of Abarim, Nebo	" "	
" 21, 25	Heshbon	" probably Oct.	25
" 32, 37	Elealah	" "	
" 21, 32	Jaazer	" "	
" 32, 35	Jogbehah	" "	
" 21, 33	Edrei	" "	68
Josh. 13, 31	Ashtaroth	" "	
Deu. 4, 43	Golan—city of refuge	" "	
" 3, 4	60 cities of Bashan	" "	
" 3, 8, 9	" "	" "	
" 4, 48	Mt. Hermon	" "	
Num. 32, 42	Kenath	" "	
Deu. 3, 10	Salchah	" "	102
Josh. 13, 26	Mahanaim	" probably Nov.	56
Deu. 3, 16	River Jabbok	" "	24
Josh. 13, 27	Succoth and Zaphon	" "	
Deu. 4, 43	Ramoth-gilead—city of	" "	
1 Kin. 22, 3	refuge	" "	
Josh. 13, 26	Betonim	" "	
Num. 32, 36	Beth-nimrah	" "	
Josh. 13, 27	Beth-aram	" "	
Num. 33, 49	Beth-jeshimoth	" "	
" " 50	Plains of Moab	" "	
" 25, 1	Shittim	" Winter	
Deu. 4, 46	Beth-peor	" "	
Josh. 3, 14	Crossed the Jordan	B.C. 1437, March 21st	24
" 4, 19	Gilgal taken	" "	
			Total, 1150



## ASSYRIA AND CHRONOLOGY.



## TESTIMONY OF THE MONUMENTS.

The question naturally arises, how do these dates given in Bible Chronology compare with the latest results of archaeological research? — We answer, the earliest inscriptions go back to the year B.C. 5000—see *First of Empires*, by Boscowen —Bible Chronology places Adam at the year B.C. 5300.

B.C. 5300

Prof. Robert W. Rogers, the noted American authority on Assyriology, has discovered that the 2nd dynasty of Babylon forms no part of a continuous record, consequently the events of the 3rd dynasty follow immediately after those of the first. As a sequence, he has found that the great law-giver, Hammurabi, the Amraphel of Gen. XIV, was a contemporary of the patriarch Abraham; and he states, “provisionally and subject to later and more exact calculation of other factors” that Abraham’s call came in B.C. 1915.

By Bible Chronology we find that the Call was made and the promise given to Abraham in the year B.C. 1907.

B.C. 1907

Prof. Albert T. Clay, in his recent work *Light on the Old Testament from Babel*, gives reasons for believing that Thothmes III was the Pharaoh of the Oppression and his successor, Amenophis II, the Pharaoh of the Exodus. His calculations have led him to believe that Amenophis II began to reign in B.C. 1449, while other authorities place the coronation at an earlier date, viz.—B.C. 1550.

Bible Chronology states that the Exodus took place B.C. 1477. It also states that Saul was made king in the year B.C. 1081; that the kingdom was divided by the rebellion of Jeroboam I in the year B.C. 961, and that the Temple was despoiled by Shishak in 956. The year 911 was the initial year of the

B.C. 1477

B.C. 1081

B.C. 961

B.C. 956

B.C. 911 Assyrian Eponym Tablets, an exceeding valuable collection of chronological material that spans a period of 200 years.

B.C. 915 A revolution occurred in the year 915 which terminated the dynasty of Jeroboam and placed Omri on the throne of Israel. This man was a remarkable military genius, whom the Assyrians justly regarded as the founder of an empire. He attained

by "his might that he shewed" the position of Captain of the host of Israel, and when he became king, "bought the hill of Samaria of Sheiner for 2 talents of silver and built on the hill, and called the name of the city . . . Samaria."—1 Kin. 16, 27, 24.

Tirzah then ceased to be the capital, and for nearly 200 years Samaria was the seat of royalty. So forceful was Omri that Assyrian inscriptions during 180 years continued to call the land of Israel—Beth Omri—or "land of Omri." His victories find mention in the Moabite Stone, in which Mesha, king of Moab, boasts of his successful campaigns. As this inscription contains also an interesting chronological note, I quote the first nine lines here, in the translation of Professor Robert W. Rogers, Author of "History of Babylonia and Assyria." The whole inscription contains 34 lines.

"I am Mesha son of Chemosh . . . king of Moab, the Dibonite. My father was king over Moab 30 years, and I became king after my father. And I made this high place for Chemosh in Karethoh, in [gratitude for] deliverance, because he saved me from all the . . . and because he made me see my desire upon all them that hated me."

"Omri was king over Israel and he afflicted Moab many days, because Chemosh was angry with his land. And his son [Ahab] succeeded him; and he too said, 'I will afflict Moab.' In my days he said . . . and I saw my desire upon him and upon his house and Israel perished forever."

"And Omri took possession of the land of Medeba; and he dwelt in it, his days and half his sons days, 40 years; but Chemosh restored it in my days."

We learn from this that Ahab not only held what his father captured with a firm grip, but that he was feared by the Moabites; and not until Jehu slew Ahab's son Joram, and thus put an end to the dynasty of Omri, was Mesha able to recapture

their lost territory. The dynasty of Omri lasted 40 years exactly, as stated by the inscription.

Omri, the founder, reigned alone . . . . .	6 years
Ahab, his valiant son, reigned . . . . .	21 "
Ahaziah reigned by himself . . . . .	1 "
Ahaziah was crippled and his son became regent . . .	6 "
Joram afterwards was king for . . . . .	6 "
Total . . . . .	<u>40 years</u>

The army of Israel had so much better opportunities for military training during the long reign of Ahab, than they had during the short reign of Omri, that we are not surprised to find the country called the "Land of Omri" and the troops the "Men of Ahab." Certainly, this was the custom in Assyria, for the inscription on the obelisk of the victorious Shalmaneser II speaks of "10,000 Men of Ahab the Israelite," who joined the Hamath Confederacy at the battle of Karkar, in b.c. 854, where 20,000 were left dead on the field. Since that expedition pushed on as far as the river Orontes and turned back at a point nearly 200 miles north of Samaria, it is evident that Shalmaneser had very meagre opportunities for acquainting himself with the history of the kings of Israel. In fact, he does not pretend to have met Ahab personally, but simply a detachment of troops whom rumor said were "Men of Ahab." This shows the truthfulness of his narrative, for to have met Ahab would have been an impossibility, since Ahab, the contemporary of Shalmaneser's father, had died several years before.

B.C. 854

There is still another record which shows how ignorant Shalmaneser was regarding the kings of Israel. During a later expedition, undertaken 12 years after the battle of Karkar, Shalmaneser went close to Samaria and exacted a tribute of silver, gold, and lead, which he received direct from Jehu. After this experience there certainly was no excuse for a mistake, and yet, with every opportunity to learn that Jehu was in no way related to Omri, but on the contrary had proved himself the deadly enemy of the House of Omri, Shalmaneser innocently

declares that the tribute he received was paid by "Jehu the son of Omri." Since Shalmaneser's inscriptions were engraved in the interest of Assyrian history and not for that of Israel, we consider it very remarkable that what they do give of the latter accords so well with the Bible narrative. We learn therefore from Bible Chronology that the 6th year of Shalmaneser II was the 15th year of Jehu and that the 18th year of Shalmaneser was the 27th year of Jehu's reign.

B.C. 806

Both the Old and the New Testament bear witness to the fact that the City of Nineveh repented as a result of preaching by the Prophet Jonah during the reign of Jeroboam II.

The Monuments show that a great religious movement took place in those days, which resulted in a change from the worship of many gods to only one god whom they called Nebo. Prof. Winckler, of Berlin, quotes in part from an inscription, not an anonymous carving, but one signed by a certain officer of the crown, in which the "essential" truth was:—

"Put thy trust in Nebo; trust not in another god."

Said dignitary held office in B.C. 798, and one of his official seals has recently been discovered.<sup>7</sup> Prof. Winckler declares that this Reformation was as decided as that of Luther, and happened in the reign of Adad-nirari III (1st to 28th year of Jeroboam II). This king rescued Israel from Syria in B.C. 806 and 805. See II Kin. 13, 5. All of which agrees with the Bible record.

B.C. 786

The question is sometimes asked, when did "the Earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah," take place? — Bible Chronology regards that phenomena as having been an expression of Divine displeasure, very much like "the thunder and rain" in wheat harvest, when Saul was made king; in fact, a premonition of approaching calamity, which finally culminated in the captivity of Israel. As such, its true location is found in the year B.C. 786, precisely 65 years prior to B.C. 721, when Sargon captured Samaria and carried away thousands to the land of the Medes. Isaiah 7, 8.

Menahem, the usurper, occupied the throne of Israel from B.C. 771 B.C. 771 to 761. Fearing an uprising of the people he sought the aid of and paid tribute to Ashur-dan III, king of Assyria. This king made several predatory expeditions into the land of Canaan and made its inhabitants tributary to his kingdom. In his treaties or negotiations he was represented by a military chieftain named Pula or Pul (II Kin. 15, 19—I Chron. 5, 26), whom the Bible by anticipation calls King of Assyria. This same Pul finally ascended the throne in B.C. 745 and reigned 18 years. His conquest of Babylon in 731 added another crown to his royal honors. In Assyria he was known by the name of Tiglath-pileser, but in Babylon he retained his original title of Pul,—in Persian Por,—in Greek Poros. The Canon of Ptolemy tells us that Poros and Chinzeros jointly occupied the throne of Babylon for 5 years—731 to 726. Prof. Schrader and Dr. T. G. Pinches have fully demonstrated that Pul and Tiglath-pileser were one and the same person.

Several notable years now present themselves for record. B.C. 776 The first Olympie game was celebrated in B.C. 776, the 35th year of Jeroboam II—from it, date the Greek olympiads.

The City of Rome was founded April 21st, B.C. 753, which B.C. 753 year was the 7th of Pekah.

The era Nabonassar began with the year B.C. 747, the 13th B.C. 747 year of Pekah. It forms the initial date of the Canon of Ptolemy.

Prof. A. H. Sayee, LL.D., of world-wide reputation, says that from the days of David to those of Jeroboam II (II Kin. 14, 28) the country of Hamath was allied to Judah, that it then became the ally of Israel, and finally was won back to Judah in the days of Uzziah; this caused Tiglath-pileser to exact tribute from Uzziah in B.C. 743. Bible Chronology tells us that 743 was the last year of Uzziah's life, also that he died in his 83rd year. For the last 14 years of his life, Uzziah was a leper and lived in a separate house. Meantime Jotham, his son, conducted the government on behalf of his father.

In 734, the 9th year of Ahaz, Tiglath-pileser marched again B.C. 734

**B.C. 732** into Syria and made Ahaz, king of Judah, his vassal. In 732 Damascus was taken and Rezin, the king of Syria, slain (II Kin. 16, 9).

Tiglath-pileser has left an inscription which reads:—

“Pekah their king they killed, Hoshea as king over them I appointed.”

**Bible Chronology** shows that Pekah was slain in B.C. 731, and as **B.C. 727** Tiglath-pileser died in 727 there is no inconsistency as to dates.

**B.C. 722** At the close of B.C. 722 Samaria was taken, and early in 721 **B.C. 721** Israel was carried captive to Assyria and lodged in Halah, by the river Habor, and in the cities of the Medes. Sargon describes his victory, according to Prof. Clay, in the following words:—

“Samerina (Samaria) I besieged I captured. 27,290 people dwelling in it I carried away. 50 chariots I collected from them and the rest (of the people) I allowed to retain their possessions. My commander-in-chief I placed over them. I settled there the men of the countries conquered (by my hand).”

The Bible record, with varied details, covers exactly the same ground where it says:—

“And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.” — II Kin. 17, 24.

**B.C. 701** There is a curious stumbling-block in the life of king Hezekiah, whose reign began in B.C. 728, that has tripped many a reader. We refer to the statement made II Kin. 18, 13, Isa. 36, 1.

“Now in the 14th year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib, King of Assyria, come up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them.”

Hezekiah had what is known in the United States as a Second Term of office. After a reign covering 14 years, in which Hezekiah:

“Wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God.”

Hezekiah was told by the prophet Isaiah:

"Thus saith the Lord, set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live."

God mercifully spared his life and in B.C. 714 gave him a new lease, with 15 years to run. However, after his recovery:—

"Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up; therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem."

Reading the history of his life with care it will be observed that as the sacred writer glanced backward over the past, he applied the word "*these*" to years near at hand, viz.—the Second Term of Hezekiah's reign, and "*those*" to the distant years, viz.—the First Term of Hezekiah's reign. Thus in II Kin. 20, 1—II Chron. 32, 24—Isaiah 38, 1—

we read concerning the First Term:—

"In *those* days was Hezekiah sick unto death."

While concerning the Second Term we read:—

"After *these* things and the establishment thereof." II Chron. 32, 1.

However, he goes a step farther and states exactly what he meant by "*these*," saying:—

"Now in the 14th year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib, King of Assyria, come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them."

From which it appears that Sennacherib arrived in the Second Term of Hezekiah and about the year B.C. 700.

Let us now go to the monuments and see what happened about this time. They tell us that in B.C. 701, Sennacherib started an expedition, from far off Assyria, with the purpose of invading Palestine. Since spring was the time "when kings went out to battle," it would have taken him until July or August to reach the most southern point of his journey, provided he

was not delayed. He, however, laid siege to Tyre, conquered Sidon, Philistia, Edom, Ammon, and Moab before he made his approach to Jerusalem, so that evidently the year B.C. 701 was nearly spent before he met the signal defeat that awaited his coming and is recorded in the 19th chapter of II Kings. Thus we see that the records of the monuments agree admirably with the records of the Bible. Surely the stumbling-block has been removed, for a case of more perfect harmony could scarcely be imagined.

BIBLE AND JULIAN DATES.



## MISCELLANEOUS DATES.

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The following dates have been worked out on the principles laid down in the "Idan Olamin" of Dr. Joseph L. Sossnitz. If the reader will transfer them to the margin of his Bible, each passage will acquire new interest. For example: "The 9th year, 10th month, and 10th day of the mouth"—conveys no special meaning to the modern mind, its equivalent, however, viz: December 18th, B.C. 589—is clear and to the point.

	REFERENCE		DATE B.C.
II Kin	25, 1		December 18 589
"	25, 3		June 18 586
"	25, 27	.	Nergal-sar-user 560
Ezra	3, 1	.	September 536
"	3, 8	.	May 535
"	6, 15	.	February 9 515
"	7, 9	.	March 9 458
"	7, 9	.	July 5 458
"	8, 15		March 17 458
"	8, 31	.	March 20 458
Nehemiah	1, 1	.	November 446
"	2, 1	.	March 445
"	2, 11	.	July 9 445
"	5, 14	.	March 433
"	6, 15		September 2 445
"	7, 73		September 7 445
"	8, 13	.	September 8 445
"	8, 18	.	September 15 445
"	9, 1	.	September 30 445
"	13, 6	.	March 433

REFERENCE						DATE B.C.	
Esther	1, 3	.	.	.	.	From	483 to 482
"	2, 16	.	.	.	.	December	479
"	3, 7	.	.	.	.	March	24 473
"	3, 7	.	.	.	.	to February 11	472
"	3, 12	.	.	.	.	March	24 472
"	3, 13	.	.	.	.	March	15 471
"	8, 9	.	.	.	.	June	1 472
"	8, 12	.	.	.	.	March	15 471
"	9, 1	.	.	.	.	March	15 471
"	9, 15	.	.	.	.	March	16 471
"	9, 18	.	.	.	.	March	17 471
Isaiah	6, 1	.	.	.	.	—	743
"	7, 8	.	.	.	.	From	786 to 721
"	14, 28	.	.	.	.	—	728
"	20, 1	.	.	.	.	—	708
"	36, 1	.	.	.	.	From	701 to 700
"	38, 1	.	.	.	.	—	714
"	39, 1	.	.	.	.	—	713
Jeremiah	1, 2	.	.	.	.	—	628
"	1, 3	.	.	.	.	July	586
"	24, 1	.	.	.	.	—	597
"	25, 1	.	.	.	.	—	605
"	25, 3	.	.	.	.	—	628
"	26, 1	.	.	.	.	—	608
"	28, 1	.	.	.	.	July	594
"	28, 17	.	.	.	.	September	594
"	29, 10	.	.	.	.	From	606 to 536
"	32, 1	.	.	.	.	—	588
"	35, 1	.	.	.	.	—	606
"	36, 1	.	.	.	.	—	605
"	36, 9	.	.	.	.	—	604
"	36, 22	.	.	.	.	November	604
"	39, 1	.	.	.	.	December	589
"	39, 2	.	.	.	.	June	18 586
"	41, 1	.	.	.	.	September	586
"	46, 2	.	.	.	.	Spring	605
"	49, 34	.	.	.	.	July	597

REFERENCE			DATE B.C.
Jeremiah	51, 59	.	594
"	52, 4	.	December 18 589
"	52, 6	.	June 18 586
"	52, 12	.	July 18 586
"	52, 28	.	Spring 598
"	52, 29	.	Summer 587
"	52, 30	.	Summer 582
"	52, 31	.	Nergal-sar-user 560
Ezekiel	1, 1	.	July 1 593
"	8, 1	.	August 8 591
"	20, 1	.	August 1 590
"	24, 1	.	December 18 589
"	26, 1	.	March 25 587
"	29, 1	.	January 7 587
"	29, 17	.	March 16 570
"	30, 20	.	March 31 587
"	31, 1	.	May 23 587
"	32, 1	.	February 21 585
"	32, 17	.	March 7 585
"	33, 21	.	December 28 586
"	40, 1	.	March 27 572
Daniel	1, 1	.	606
"	2, 1	.	603
"	5, 1	.	538
"	7, 1	.	541
"	8, 1	.	538
"	9, 1	.	538
"	10, 1	.	536
"	10, 4	.	March 31 to April 21
"	11, 1	.	538
Amos	1, 1	.	788
Haggai	1, 1	.	August 27 520
"	1, 15	.	September 19 520
"	2, 1	.	October 15 520
"	2, 10	.	December 17 520
Zechariah	1, 1	.	October 25 520
"	1, 7	.	February 14 519

	REFERENCE		DATES
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Matthew	2, 1 . . .		September " 2
"	24, 20		Taken Sep. 3 A.D. 70
"	27, 1		April 3 A.D. 33
Luke	2, 42		Passover " 11
"	3, 1 . . . .	. Spring	" 29
"	3, 23 . . . .	. Fall	" 29
"	24, 1	. April 5	" 33
"	24, 50	. May 15	" 33
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Acts	2, 1	May 24 "	33
"	9, 2	_____ "	40
"	9, 27	_____ "	43
"	10, 9	June "	39
"	12, 1	_____ "	44
"	13, 20	350 years	
"	15, 1	Council "	50
"	21, 17	_____ "	58
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"	28, 30	_____ "	62
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Before Pharaoh when . . . . . 83 years old.	
Exodus occurred when . . . . . 84 years old.	
Departure from Sinai when . . . . . 85 years old.	
Final encampment Kadesh when 86 years old.	
Died b.c. 1438, when . . . . . 123 years old.	
ABDON—The Judge . . . . .	1208 to 1200
ABEL—Slain by Cain . . . . . about	5072
ABIATHAR—In II Sam. 8, 17; I Chron. 24, 6; I Chron. 18, 16. The text should read; “Abiathar the son of Ahimelech.”	
ABIJAH or ABIJAM—King of Judah . . . . .	943 to 941
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Left Ur of the Chaldees . . . . .	1907
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Isaac “ “ “ “ . . . . .	1882
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Aged 175 years.	
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AGRIPPA—The king, Born b.c. 10, Died in A.D. 44 (Acts 12, 23). Succeeded Philip, the Tetrarch in A.D. 37, and reigned till A.D. 44.	
AGRIPPA JR.—Born A.D. 27—See Acts 25, 13.	
AHAB—The king, reigned in Israel . . . . .	903 to 882
AHASUERUS—The Hebrews often called the kings of Media and Persia by the general title <i>Ahasuerus</i> , or Assuerus, just as the kings of Egypt were called <i>Pharaoh</i> . For example:	
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AHAZ—Reigned in Judah . . . . .	742 to 727
Born 772—Died 727—age 45.	
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Reigned 1 year . . . . .	870
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AMALEKITES—Descendants of Esau, who settled the Southern portion of Canaan.	
AMAZIAH—King of Judah, Born 849, Died 795, age 54.	
Reigned actively . . . . .	824 to 810
“ passively . . . . .	810 to 795
AMMONITES—Descendants of Lot, who settled East of the Dead Sea.	

AMON—King of Judah, Born 664, Died 640, age 24.			
Reigned two years . . . . .		642 to	640
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AMOS—The prophet during Uzziah's reign . . .		786 to	772
AMRAM—Father of Moses, Born about 1615, Died 1478, aged 137.			
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Banished to "Vienna" (near Lyons, France) . . . . .			A.D. 9
ARK OF THE COVENANT—At Shiloh for 300 years . . . . .		1431 to	1121
Seven months in Philistia . . . . .		1121	
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ARTAXERXES LONGIMANUS—King of Persia . . . . .		465 to	425
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ASA—King of Judah. Reigned 42 years. . . . .		941 to	899
Made a Covenant in 927.			
Was diseased from . . . . .		903 to	899
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## PUBLIC SERVICE.

<b>ASTYAGES</b> —King of Media—Son of Cyaxares I Astyages was the Ahasuerus of Dan 9, 1— The Assuerus of Tobit 14, 15.		593 to 558
<b>ATHALIAH</b> —Queen of Judah . . . . . Born about 910, Died 864. Granddaughter Omri; daughter of Ahab; and wife of Jehoram.		869 to 863
<b>A. U. C.</b> —Roman years;— 752=n.c. 2; 782=A.D. 29; 786=A.D. 33.		
<b>AUGUSTUS CAESAR</b> —Began to reign alone, after the battle of Actium, September 3, b.c. 31. Died August 19, A.D. 14. Tiberius Caesar immediately declared Emperor.		
<b>AZARIAH</b> —The prophet during Asa's reign, about	932	
<b>AZARIAH or AHAZIAH</b> —King of Judah 1 year . .	870	
<b>AZARIAH or UZZIAH</b> —King of Judah 53 years .	810 to 757	
<b>AZARIAH II</b> —Chief Priest, during reigns of Jotham and Hezekiah . . . . .	744 to 715	
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<b>BABEL</b> —Confusion of Tongues . . . . .	2633	
<b>BABYLON</b> —Taken by Sennacherib . . . . .	691	
Taken by Cyrus . . . . .	538	
<b>BABYLONIAN</b> —Captivity of Princes, 70 years .	606 to 536	
Captivity of people, 50 years .	586 to 536	
<b>BALAAM</b> —Son of Beor. A brilliant but perverse and stubborn prophet who was slain by Israel in their battle with the Midianites . . . .	1438	
<b>BALAK</b> —King of Moab and son of Zippor, who sent for Balaam to curse Israel. Num. 22, 6	1438	
<b>BARAK</b> —Captain of the Host . . . . .	1313 to 1309	
<b>BASHEMATH</b> —Gen. 36, 3, 10, 17, read Mahalath as given in Gen. 28, 9.		
<b>BATTLE OF ACTIUM</b> —September 3, n.c. 31.		
<b>BATTLE OF APHEK</b> —Ahab and Ben-hadad. . . .	886	
<b>BATTLE OF APHEK or EBENEZER</b> . . . . .	1121	
Ark of the Covenant taken by the Philistines.		
<b>BATTLE OF BETHCAR</b> —Israel and the Philistines .	1101	
<b>BATTLE OF BETHSHEMESH</b> —Amaziah defeated .	811	
<b>BATTLE OF CARCHEMISH</b> . . . . .	605	
<b>BATTLE OF GILBOA</b> —Saul and the Philistines .	1042	

	PUBLIC SERVICE.
BATTLE OF HORMAH—Defeat of Israel . . . . .	1475
BATTLE OF HORMAH—Victory of Israel . . . . .	1438
BATTLE OF KARKAR—Shalmaneser II . . . . .	854
BATTLE OF MISHMASH—Philistines defeated . . . . .	1049
BATTLE RAMOTH-GILEAD—Ahab defeated . . . . .	883
BELSHAZZAR—Reigned with his father Nabonidus	541 to 538
BEN-HADAD—Allied with Asa . . . . .	916
BEN-HADAD—Successor of Hazael . . . . .	825
BEOR—Father of Bela, king of Edom—Gen. 36, 32. Father of Balaam, the soothsayer—Num. 22, 5.	
Bela and Balaam were probably own brothers.	
Bela resisted Israel by arms—Num. 20, 20.	
Balaam “ “ “ evil counsel—Num. 31, 15, 16.	
BOAZ—Son of Salmon and husband of Ruth. Born about . . . . .	1190
BOOK OF THE LAW—Taught in Judah . . . . .	897
Found by Hilkiah . . . . .	623
BRAZEN SERPENT—Cast and mounted 1438 Raised at Punon September 1438 Broken by Hezekiah 726 Lasted 712 years	
CAINAN—Son of Ham, Born 4676, Died 3766, aged 910.	
CALEB—Son of Jephunneh, Born . . . . .	1516
40 years old in . . . . .	1476
85 years old in . . . . .	1431
CALL TO ABRAHAM, when 75 years old . . . . .	1907
CAMBYSES—Son of Cyrus and king of Persia . . . . .	529 to 522
Called Artaxerxes in Ezra. 4, 7;—6, 14.	
CANAANITES—Descendants of Ham, who settled in Palestine.	
CAPTIVITIES—See Servitudes.	
CAPTIVITY—In Babylon ended, Judah returned . . . . .	536
CAPTIVITY of Jehoiachin . . . . .	597 to 560
CAPTIVITY, END of—To ZERUBBABEL. A delay of 16 years . . . . .	536 to 520
CARTHAGENIANS—Defeated . . . . . B.C.	202

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CHRISTIAN ERA—Correct date . . . . .	Fall	B.C.	2
Jewish year A.M. 3760 began August 30		B.C.	2
Feast of Tabernacles, September 13 to 21		B.C.	2
CONFUSION OF TONGUES at Babel . . . . .		2633	
CONIAH or JECONIAH, or JECONIAS or JEHOIACHIN—King of Judah, 3 months			597
CYAXARES I—King of Media, Father of Astyages, Grandfather of Mandané and Cyaxares II. See Herodotus Book 1, 74.		633 to	593
“ Zenophon “ 1, 5.			
“ Josephus Antq. x, 11, 4.			
CYAXARES II—Son of Astyages and uncle of Cyrus, otherwise known as Darius the Mede,		538 to	535
CYRENUS—Roman governor of Judea . . . . .	A.D.	6 to	10
CYRUS—Son of Mandané and Cambyses— King of Persia . . . . .		558 to	529
King of Babylon . . . . .		538 to	529
Isaiah prophesied about him in . . . . .		736	
Prophecy fulfilled in 200 years . . . . .		536	
CYRUS and DARIUS the Mede—Ezra 4, 5, 6,–6, 14		538 to	535
DAMASCUS fell, Rezin slain . . . . .		732	
DAN—This tribe worshipped idols . . . . .		1381 to	721
Interval 660 years—Taken captive by Sargon.		721	
Book of Revelation omits tribe of Dan.			
DANIEL—“The prophet”—Matt. 24, 15. Taken captive . . . . .		606	
Nebuchadnezzar's dream . . . . .		603	
Fiery furnace . . . . .		594	
Belshazzar's feast . . . . .		538	
Lions' den . . . . .		537	
Angel Gabriel's message. . . . .		536	
DANIEL and Princes taken to Babylon . . . . .		606	
DARIUS—Among the Persians, was a general title for king.			
1—Darius the Mede—Dan. 11, 1 . . . . .		538 to	535
2—Darius the Persian, son of Hystaspes . . . . .		521 to	485
3—Darius Nothus . . . . .		425 to	396
4—Darius Codomanus . . . . .		337 to	333
DARIUS THE MEDE—King of the Chaldeans, was son of Astyages, and Uncle of Cyrus. Born B.C. 600. Reigned in Babylon . . . . .		538 to	535

DAVID—Son of Jesse. King of Judah. Born 1071, Died 1001, aged 70.	
Reigned as king in Hebron . . . . .	1041 to 1034
Reigned as king in Jerusalem . . . . .	1034 to 1001
Anxious to build Temple . . . . about	102S
Seven sons of Saul slain . . . . about	101S
DEATH OF HEROD—January B.C. 1. Aged almost 70 years . . . . .	71 to 1
DEBORAH—The judge and prophetess . . . . .	1313 to 1309
DESCENT INTO EGYPT—Jacob and family . . . . .	1692
DIVIDED CANAAN among the tribes of Israel . . . . .	1431
DIVINE AID REFUSED—Ezek. 20, 3 . . . . .	590
DYNASTY—Of Jeroboam I . . . . .	961 to 938
" Baasha . . . . .	938 to 914
" Omri . . . . .	909 to 869
" Jehu . . . . .	869 to 771
" Menahem . . . . .	771 to 759
EARTHQUAKE—In days of Uzziah—Isaiah 7, 8 . . . . .	786
65 years before the Captivity of Israel.	
EBER—Father of the Hebrews. Born 2767— Died 2303—aged 464.	
ECLIPSE OF THE SUN . . . . .	809
ECLIPSE OF THE SUN—June 15 . . . . .	763
See Eponym Tablets, also Amos 8, 9.	763
ECLIPSE OF SUN—Peace between Lydians and Medes	610
Marriage of Astyages to Aryenis.	610
EDOM—A country first inhabited by the Horites and then by Esau and his descendants.	
Governed by Dukes prior to B.C. 1476; Exod. 15, 15; Gen. 36, 40.	
Governed by Kings on and after 1438; Num. 20, 14.	
Edom submitted to David about 1030; 1 Chron. 18, 13.	
EGYPT TO CANAAN—Israel travelled 1100 miles . . . . .	1477 to 1437
EHUD—The judge. . . . .	1341 to 1337
ELIAH—King of Israel, reigned 1 year . . . . .	915
ELDERS—"No king in Israel," Judg. chap. 17 to 21	1391 to 1371
ELEAZAR—Son of Aaron, Highpriest for probably 30 years . . . . .	1438 to 1408
ELI—Born 1218—Died 1120—aged 98. Judged Israel 1160 to 1120	

	PUBLIC SERVICE.
ELIAKIM OR JEHOIAKIM—King of Judah . . . . .	608 to 597
ELIJAH—The Tishbite . . . . .	891 to 872
At Horeb . . . . .	884
Threatened Jehoram . . . . .	873
Translated . . . . .	872
ELISHA—Became prophet in . . . . .	880
The Shunammite . . . . .	880
Raised boy to life . . . . .	877
Prophesied famine . . . . .	877 to 870
Naaman captain of Assyria . . . . .	871
Died . . . . .	825
ELON—The judge . . . . .	1218 to 1208
ENOCH—Born 4179—Translated 3811—aged 365.	
ENOS—Born 4866—Died 3961—aged 905.	
ENROLLMENT—Made by order of Augustus Caesar in B.C. 2	
Taxes collected A.D. 7 to 10—See taxation.	
In David's day it took ten months to make a census. Caesar's enrollment dealt with vastly greater numbers and took a longer time.	
EPONYM CANON—Of Assyria . . . . .	911 to 700
ERA NABONASSAR—Babylonian chronology . . . . .	747
ESARHADDON—King of Assyria . . . . .	680 to 668
ESAU—Born 1822, Died later than 1702.	
Married both Judith and Bashemath . . . . .	1782
ESTHER—Made queen of Persia . . . . .	479
Cast Pur . . . . .	473
Decree for slaughter . . . . .	March 24
Counter decree . . . . .	June 1
The Jews had revenge . . . . .	March 15-16
Purim . . . . .	March 17
EVIL-MERODACH—King of Babylon. [See Nergal.]	562 to 560
EXODUS—Children of Israel left Egypt . . . . .	1477
From Exodus to the Temple 479 years	1477 to 998
EZEKIEL—A Prophet at time of the Captivity . . . . .	593 to 570
EZEKIEL's—"Siege of Jerusalem." Ezek. 4th chap.	
"Fifth year of the captivity." Ezek. 1, 1. . . . .	B.C. 593
{ "390 days and 40 days." Ezek. 4, 1 to 8.	
{ Prophetic expression for . . . . .	430 yrs.
Pointing to first year of Asmonean Dynasty	B.C. 163
EZRA—The scribe. Ezra vii chap.	
Jews left Babylon . . . . .	March 9
	458

## PUBLIC SERVICE.

Congregated by the river . . .	March 17-20	458
Celebrated the Passover . . .	" 23	458
Arrived in Jerusalem . . .	July 5	458
A four months' journey.		

FAMINE—In Egypt, Joseph governor of the land . . .	1694 to 1687
In Palestine 2 years . . . . .	B.C. 24 and 23
In Samaria, 3 years . . . . .	890 to 887
FEAST OF LIGHTS—Time of the Maccabees Nov. 25 B.C. 165	
FEAST OF PURIM—See Esther also Lunar Eclipse	
FIFTEENTH YEAR of Tiberius Caesar, began Aug.	
19 A.D. 28, ended Aug. 19, A.D. 29.	
FLOOD—Lasted one year, Noah and family saved	3045
“FOURTH GENERATION” from Jacob (Gen. 15, 16). }	
1st Levi, 2 Kohath, 3 Amram, 4 Moses.	}
400 YEARS—From time Isaac was 5 years old . . .	1877
To the Exodus in . . . . .	1477
“FOURTH GENERATION of Jehu—II Kin. 10, 30 . .	840 to 771
1st Jehoahaz, 2 Joash, 3 Jeroboam II, 4 Zachariah. See Dynasty.	
GAD—David's seer . . . . .	1041 to 1001
GEDELIAH—Made Governor of Judah . . . . .	585
GEHAZI—Servant of Elisha . . . . .	880 to 870
GENEALOGIES—Prepared for Jotham.	
I Chron. 5, 17 . . . . .	about 754
GENEALOGIES—Prepared in the days of	
Jeroboam II . . . . .	about 790
GIDEON—The judge . . . . .	1302 to 1298
GIRGASHITES—Descendants of Ham who settled	
in Canaan.	
GOBRYAS—Governor of Gutium, commander of	
Cyrus' army, and temporary governor of	
Babylon before Darius the Mede became	
king in . . . . .	538
GOLDEN CALF—In Bethel and in Dan . . . . .	961
Altar destroyed . . . . .	623
Prophecy fulfilled in 338 years.	
GRANDFATHER—Called Father in the Bible—	
Dan. 5, 2, 11.	
GRANDSON—Called Son in the Bible—II Sam. 19,	
24—I Kin. 19, 16—II Chron. 22, 9—Ezra 5, 1.	

GRANDDAUGHTER—Called Daughter in the Bible— II Chron. 22, 2.			
GREATGRANDSON—In the Bible called Son. Joshua 22, 20—Heb. 7, 10.			
GREAT PASSOVER—Of Josiah . . . . .	623		
GREAT SYNAGOGUE—Prepared the Hebrew text of the Old Testament . . . . . B.C.	327		
HABAKKUK—The prophet, about . . . . .	615		
HAGGAI—Prophet in time of Zerubbabel . . . . .	520		
HAMMURABI—King of Babylon; see Amraphel.			
HANANI—The seer reproved Asa . . . . .	916		
HANNAH—Mother of Samuel the prophet . . . . .	1146		
HAZAEEL—Took territory (Bir-idri died.) . . . . .	842		
Oppressed during Jechoahaz's reign . . . . .	840 to 826		
Died . . . . .	825		
HEBER—The Kenite. Born about 1400 . . . . .	1313		
HEBREW KINGDOM DIVIDED—By Rehoboam and Jeroboam I . . . . .	961		
HEROD, THE GREAT—Born B.C. 71, Died B.C. 1, aged almost 70. Reigned from B.C. 37 to B.C. 1.—36 yrs.			
Made Governor of Judea . . . . . B.C.	54		
Made king by Romans . . . . . B.C.	40		
Conquered Antigonus . . . . . B.C.	37		
HEZEKIAH—King of Judah, Born 752, Died 698, aged 54. Reigned in Jerusalem . . . . .	727 to 698		
HEZEKIAH'S SICKNESS—B.C. 714. Second term of Office . . . . .	713 to 698		
HOBAB—Son of Jethro and brother-in-law of Moses	1477		
HOSEA—The prophet, about . . . . .	775 to 726		
HOSHEA—King of Israel. . . . .	730 to 721		
Paid tribute to Shalmaneser IV . . . . .	728		
HULDAH—The prophetess . . . . .	623		
HYRCANUS I—Highpriest and Governor . . . . .	135 to 104		
HYRCANUS II and ARISTOBULUS—Reigned over the Jews . . . . . B.C.	67 to 63		
HYRCANUS II—Ethnarch at Jerusalem . . . B.C.	63 to 40		

	PUBLIC SERVICE.
IBZAN—The judge . . . . .	1225 to 1218
IDDO—Prophet during reign of Rehoboam . . . . .	942
INDEPENDENCE DAY—Appointed by Simon Maccabeus May 4 . . . . . B.C.	141
Memorial Tablet commemorative of same placed on Mount Sion September 12 B.C.	140
INDIGNATION—Interval 70 years . . . . .	590 to 520
Intercourse { Refused Ezek. 20, 3.—Aug. 1st Revived Zech. 1, 1.—Oct. 25th	590 520
ISAAC—Son of Abraham. Born 1882—Married Rebekah 1842—Died 1702—aged 180. Was 5 years old in . . . . . B.C.	1877
The Exodus was 400 years later (Gen. 15, 13).	
ISAIAH—The prophet lived probably 95 years. Prophesied and wrote for 64 years. . . . .	744 to 680
ISH-BOSHETH—2d Son of Saul, and king of Israel . . . . . Born 1081—Died 1034—aged 47.	1041 to 1034
ISHMAEL—Son of Abraham. Born 1896—Died 1759—aged 137.	
ISRAEL—Without a ruler, last 5 chapters in Judges	1391 to 1371
ISRAEL's—Captivity under Sargon began in . . . . .	721
ISRAEL and JUDAH—Separate kingdoms for 240 years. Jos. Antq. 9, 14, 1. . . . .	961 to 721
JACOB—The patriarch. Born 1822—Died 1675 —aged 147. Entered Laban's service when 77 years old. Served Laban 7 years . . . . .	1745 to 1738
Married both Leah and Rachel . . . . .	1738
Left Laban after 20 years' service . . . . .	1725
Went into Egypt . . . . .	1692
JAEL—Wife of Heber the Kenite . . . . .	1313
JAHAZIEL—The Levite, became a prophet . . . . .	878
JAIR—The Judge . . . . .	1272 to 1250
JARED—Born 4341—Died 3379—aged 962.	
JEBUSITES—Descendants of Ham and builders of Jerusalem.	
JEHOAHAZ—King of Judah. Born 632, Reigned 3 mos. in 609. Called Shallum. Jer. 22, 11.	
JEHOAHAZ—King of Israel. Reigned . . . . . Hazaël oppressed Israel during his reign.	840 to 862

**JEHOAHAZ**—II Chron. 25, 23.—Should read:

“And Joash the king of Israel, the son of Jehoahaz, took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash.”

**JEHOASH**—See Joash—Kings of Judah and Israel.

**JEHOIACHIN**—Called also (Coniah, Jechonias, Jeconiah), Born 615.

Reigned at Jerusalem 3 months in 597.

Prisoner in Babylon until 560. Died about B.C. 556, aged 59 years.

**JEHOIADA**—The prophet. Born about 960, Died about 830, age 130.

He trained Joash, the King of Judah.

**JEHOIAKIM**—Born 633—Died 597—aged 36.

Called also Eliakim. He reigned in Judah . . .

608 to 597

**JEHONADAB or JONADAB**—Son of Rechab the Kenite

869

Family of Rechabites, obedient in . . .

596

Example of Jehonadab influential for 273 yrs.

“Jonadab, shall not want a man to stand before me forever.” Jer. 35, 19.

N. B.—Rechabites were found in China A.D. 1160.

“ “ “ “ Arabia “ 1828.

**JEHORAM**—Born 908—Died 870—aged 38.

Regent 2 years.

Total reign over Judah 6 years . . . . . 876 to 870

**JEHOSHAPHAT**—Born 934—Died 875—aged 59.

Reigned over Judah . . . . . 899 to 876

Built ships at Ezion-gaber . . . . . 883

**JEHOZADAK or JOSEDECH**—Highpriest, taken captive 586

**JEHU**—Son of Hanani . . . . . 920 to 876

Reproved Baasha . . . . . 917

Reproved Jehoshaphat in . . . . . 882

Wrote the life of Jehoshaphat in . . . . . 876

**JEHU**—The king, Reigned over Israel—See

Dynasty . . . . . 869 to 840

**JEPHTHAAH**—The judge . . . . . 1231 to 1225

**JEREMIAH**—Prophet of Judah . . . . . 628 to 580

Prophesied and wrote for 48 years.

**JEROBOAM I**—King of Israel. . . . . 961 to 939

Reigned 22 years—See Dynasty.

**JEROBOAM II**—King of Israel. Reigned . . . . . 810 to 772

	PUBLIC SERVICE.
JERUSALEM—Taken from Jebusites . . . . .	1034
JERUSALEM—Burnt by Nebuchadnezzar . . . . .	586
JERUSALEM—Taken by Pompey, May 24, B.C. . . . .	63
JERUSALEM—Captured by Herod and Sosius Spring of . . . . . B.C. . . . .	37
JESSE—Father of David, born about . . . . .	1110
JETHRO or RAGUEL—The Kenite, Father-in-law of Moses . . . . .	1477
JEZEBEL—Wife of Ahab, daughter of king of Zidon .	903 to 883
JOASH or JEHOASH—King of Judah reigned . . . . .	863 to 824
Born 870—Died 824—aged 46.	
Ordered Temple repaired . . . . .	850
Various delays until . . . . .	841
Jehoiada completed the work.	
JOASH or JEHOASH—King of Israel reigned . . . . .	826 to 810
Defeated Amaziah at Bethshemesh. . . . .	810
In II Chron. 25, 23 read, “the son of Jehoahaz.”	
JOB—This patriarch lived in the land of Uz, near Chaldea. Judged by the ancestry of his friends, it is probable that his life covered the 255 years spent by Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness; say . . . . . B.C. . . . .	1692 to 1437
JOEL—The prophet, about . . . . .	660
JOHN HYRCANUS—Highpriest of the Jews . . . . . B.C. .	135 to 104
JONAH—The prophet started a great Reformation in Assyria about . . . . .	808
JONATHAN—Eldest son of Saul. Born 1083, Died 1041, age 42.	
JONATHAN MACCABEUS—Highpriest of the Jews . . . . . B.C. .	153 to 143
JORAM or JEHORAM—King of Israel . . . . .	881 to 869
Fought Hazael . . . . .	870
Regent . . . . .	881 to 875
JORDAN—Crossed by Israel, March 21 . . . . .	1437
JOSEPH—Born 1731—Died 1621—aged 110.	
Sold to Ishmaelites . . . . .	1714
In prison 2 years . . . . .	1703 to 1701
Governor of Egypt . . . . .	1701
7 years of plenty . . . . .	1701 to 1694
7 “ “ famine . . . . .	1694 to 1687
Embalmed in Egypt . . . . .	1621
Buried in Shechem about . . . . .	1421
Interval 200 years.	

JOSHUA—Son of Nun. Born 1501, Died 1391, age 110.			
From Jordan to division of the land 6 yrs.			
Division of land to death of Joshua 40 yrs.			
Ruled Israel . . . . .	1437 to 1391		
JOSIAH—Born 648—Died 609—aged 39.			
Reigned in Judah . . . . .	640 to 609		
Prophecy of 961 fulfilled in birth of Josiah . . . . .	648		
Interval 313 years.			
JOTHAM—King of Judah. Born 782, Died 742, aged 40.			
Reigned as regent . . . . .	757 to 743		
“ alone 1 year . . . . .	743		
JUDAS ARISTOBULUS—King of the Jews 1 yr. B.C.	104		
JUDAS MACCABEUS—Highpriest of the Jews 3 yrs. B.C.	163 to 160		
Nation “7 years without a Highpriest” . B.C.	160 to 153		
KADESH-BARNEA—Israel arrived . . . July	1476		
[Ayn Qadees] “ departed . . . July	1438		
Interval 38 years.			
KARKAR BATTLE . . . . .	B.C. 854		
Fought by Shalmeneser II and Syrian kings.			
KENEZITES—Settled near the Kenites South of Arad. Caleb the commander of Israel was a Kenezite.			
KENITES—Their land first mentioned Gen. 15, 19	1921		
Jethro, father-in-law of Moses . . . . .	1476		
Kenites at Jericho . . . . .	1431		
Kenites with Judah . . . . .	1430		
Kenites at Kadesh . . . . .	1313		
The Rechabites were descendants of the Kenites. See Jehonadab.			
KOHATH—Father of Amram, Born about 1675, Died 1542, age 133.			
KORAH—Dathan and Abiram buried alive . . .	1474		
LAMECH—Father of Noah. Born 3827—Died 3050—aged 777.			
LAND DIVIDED—By Joshua and Eleazar . . .	1431		
LAST DATE—Given by Old Testament . . . B.C.	433		
LAW—Given on Sinai . . . . .	1477		

**LEVI**—Father of Kohath. Born 1734—Died 1597—  
aged 137.

**LINE OF ELEAZAR**—The highpriest.

1st Phinches, 2 Abishua, 3 Bukki, 4 Uzzi, 5  
Zerahiah, 6 Meraioth I . . . . . 1438 to 1160

**LINE OF ITHAMAR**—Brother of Eleazar.

7th Eli, 8 Ahitub I, 9 Ahimelech, or Ahiah, 10  
Abiathar . . . . . 1160 to 1001

**LINE OF ELEAZAR**—Continued.

11 Zadok I—12 Azariah I—13 Amariah I—  
14 Ahitub II—15 Meraioth II—16 Zadok II  
—17 Azariah II—18 Shallum or Meshallum  
—19 Hilkiah—20 Azariah III—21 Seraiah  
—22 Jehozadak or Jozadak—23 Jeshua or  
Joshua—24 Jechoiakim—25 Eliashib—26  
Joiada—27 Jonathan—28 Jaddua . . . . . 1001 to 433

**LUNAR ECLIPSE**—March 13, b.c. 4 followed by the  
Feast of Purim . . . . . March 14 b.c. 4

**LUNAR ECLIPSE**—January 9, b.c. 1 followed by the  
FAST of Tebet . . . . . January 10 b.c. 1

**MAHALALEEL**—Born 4506—Died 3611—aged 895.

**MALACHI**—The prophet, about . . . . . 400

**MATTANIAH or ZEDEKIAH**—King of Judah . . . . . 597 to 585

**MATTATHIAS**—The Chasid, father of the Maccabees

**MENAHEM**—The usurper—King of Israel—See  
Dynasty . . . . . 168

**MENELAUS**—Highpriest of the Jews . . . . . 771 to 761

**MEPHIBOSHETH**—Son of Jonathan. Born 1046.

**MERODACH-BALADAN**—King of Babylon . . . . . 713  
Visited Hezekiah . . . . . 721 to 702

**METHUSALAH**—Born 4014—Died 3045—aged 969.

**MICAH**—The prophet Jer. 26, 18 . . . . . 753 to 705

**MICHAL**—Daughter of Saul and wife of David. In  
II Sam. 21, 8. Read for “Michal”—Merab.

**MICHAIAH**—The prophet warned Ahab . . . . . 883

**MIDIANITES**—The Descendants of Abraham by  
Keturah.

**MIRIAM**—Born about 1565, Died 1475, age 90.

Song at Red Sea . . . . . May 1477

Afflicted with leprosy . . . . . June 1476

Died at Kadesh . . . . . March 1475

PUBLIC SERVICE.

MOABITE—Stone, record of Mesha the king . . .	909 to 869
MOABITES—Descendants of Lot who settled East of the Dead Sea.	
MOSES—Born 1557—Died 1437—aged 120.	
Moses slew an Egyptian . . . . .	1517
“ appeared before Pharoah . . . . .	1478
“ in the Wilderness till . . . . .	1437
Belonged to “the 4th generation” (Gen. 15, 16)	
1st Levi, 2 Kohath, 3 Amram, 4 Moses.	
MOUNT HOR [JEBEL MADURAH]—Israel Mourned for Aaron July 20 to August 20 . . . . .	1438
NABONIDUS—King of Babylon . . . . .	566 to 541
With Belshazzar his son . . . . .	541 to 538
NADAB—King of Israel. Reigned 1 year . . . . .	939
NAHOR—Born 2241—Died 2093—aged 148.	
NAHUM—The prophet spoke concerning Nineveh.	
Josephus says, about . . . . .	700
NAHSHON—Head of Tribe of Judah and father of Salmon. Died in Wilderness before . . . . .	1437
NATHAN—The prophet.	
During David's reign . . . . .	1041 to 1001
NEBUCHADNEZZAR—Made king of Babylon . . . . .	605
Reigned . . . . .	605 to 562
NEHEMIAH—Governor for Persia . . . . .	445 to 433
Arrived in Jerusalem . . . . . July 9	445
Proposed to rebuild Temple . . . . . “ 12	445
Wall finished . . . . . Sept. 2	445
Feast of Tabernacles . . . . . “ 7 to 15	445
Fast of “Rejoicing of the Law” . . . . . “ 30	445
NERGAL-SAR-USUR Jer. 39, 3, 13—King of Babylon . . . . .	560 to 556
Substitute his name for that of Evil-Merodach in II Kin. 25, 27. Jer. 52, 31, 3.	
NINEVEH's—Great reformation.	
The prophet Jonah . . . . .	808
NINEVEH DESTROYED . . . . .	607
“NO KING IN ISRAEL”—Last 5 chapters of Judges	1391 to 1371
NOAH—Born 3645—Died 2695—aged 950.	
OBADIAH—The prophet . . . . .	586 to 583
OBED—Son of Boaz and Ruth. Born about 1140	

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OBED—The prophet; about . . . . .		736
OG—King of Bashan . . . . .		1438
OLYMPIADS—The 185th covered B.C. 40 to 36; the 194th covered B.C. 4 to A.D. 1.		
OLYMPIC GAMES—Instituted . . . . .		776
OMRI—Alone, King of Israel—See Dynasty . . . . .		909 to 903
OTHNIEL—The judge . . . . .		1363 to 1359
PATRIARCHS—Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methusalah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Job.		
PEKAH—Reigned in Israel . . . . .		759 to 730
PEKAHIAH—King of Israel. Reigned 2 years . . .		761 to 759
PELEG—Born 2633, Died 2394, age 239.		
PERSIA—Conquered at Cunaxa . . . . . B.C.	401	
“ by Alexander . . . . . B.C.	331	
PHAROAH-NECHO—Slew Josiah . . . . .		609
PHILIP—The tetrarch, Son of Herod, reigned from B.C. 1 to A.D. 37. Agrippa his successor in A.D. 37		
PHINEHAS—Son of Eleazar. Highpriest probably 30 years . . . . .		1408 to 1378
PONTIUS PILATE—Roman governor of Judah A.D. 26 to 36 inclusive.		
POROS and CHINZEROS—Kings of Babylon . . . . .		731 to 726
(Poros= Pul= Tiglath-pileser.)		
POMPEY—Took Jerusalem, May 24 . . . . . B.C.	63	
PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM IN . . . . .		1907
PROPHETS OF BAAL—Slain by Elijah . . . . .		887
Slain by Jehu . . . . .		869
QUEEN ALEXANDRA—Reigned over the Jews B.C.	76 to	67
RAHAB or RACHAB of Jericho. Wife of Salmon of tribe Judah. [Matt. 1, 5]		1437
The “Pocahontas” of Israel’s history.		
RECHAB—Father of Jchonadab . . . . .		869
RED SEA CROSSING . . . . . May		1477
REHOBOAM—King of Judah. Reigned . . . . .		961 to 943
Born 1002—Died 943—aged 59.		

REU—Born 2503—Died 2264—aged 239.			
REUBEN—Eldest son of Jacob, Born 1737.			
REZIN—King of Syria . . . . .		745 to	732
ROMAN YEARS—A.U.C. 752=B.C. 2; A.U.C. 782=			
A.D. 29; A.U.C. 786=A.D. 33.			
ROME—Founded . . . . .	April 21	753	
RUTH—Wife of Boaz. Born in Moab, about 1170			
SABBATIC YEAR—Last observance of the commandment in . . . . .	B.C. 1080		
Last of series of omissions . . . . .	B.C. 590		
Babylonian Captivity 70 years.		—	
(H Chron. 36, 21) . . . . .	Diff.	490 years	
SALAH—Born 2897—Died 2464—aged 433.			
SALMON—Son of Nahshon. Probably one of the spies sent out of Jericho. Born in Wilderness about . . . . .		1460	
Married Rahab of Jericho—Matt. 1, 5.			
SAMARIA—Capital of Israel . . . . .		908 to	722
SAMARIA—Taken by Sargon . . . . .		722	
SAMSON—The judge . . . . .		1180 to	1160
SAMUEL—The prophet. Born 1144—Died 1043—aged 101.			
Ruler of Israel . . . . .		1120 to	1081
Judge . . . . .		1081 to	1043
At Mizpeh . . . . .		1101	
SANCTUARY—Of Herod's Temple dedicated . . . . .	B.C. 18		
“Forty and six years was this Temple in building” . . . . .		B.C. 18 to A.D. 29	
SARAH—Wife of Abraham. Born 1973—Died 1846—aged 127.			
SARGON—King of Assyria . . . . .		722 to	704
SAUL—Son of Kish. First King of Israel . . . . .		1081 to	1041
Born 1104, Died 1041, age 63.			
SCEPTRE—“Departed from Judah” (Gen. 49, 16) B.C. 1			
SELEUCIDAE ERA:			
Greek standard . . . . .	October 1 B.C.	312	
Babylonian “ . . . . .	March B.C.	312	
Josephus “ . . . . .	October 1 B.C.	312	
I and II Maccabees standard	October 1 B.C.	312	
SENNACHERIB—King of Assyria. . . . .		704 to	680

SEPTUAGINT—Greek translation of the Old Testament made by the Seventy . . . . .	B.C.	284
SERUG—Born 2373—Died 2143—aged 230.		
SERVITUDES—(Total 92 years):		
Mesopotamia . . . . .	8 years . . . . .	1371 to 1363
Moabites . . . . .	18 " . . . . .	1359 to 1341
Canaanites . . . . .	20 " . . . . .	1333 to 1313
Midianites . . . . .	7 " . . . . .	1309 to 1302
Philistines and Ammonites . . . . .	19 " . . . . .	1250 to 1231
Philistines . . . . .	20 " . . . . .	1200 to 1180
SETH—Son of Adam. Born 5071—Died 4159—aged 912.		
SEVENTY WEEKS—Dan. 9, 24 . . . . .	490 years.	
Passover of B.C. 458 to Passover of A.D. 33.		
SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABED-NEGO—Were made officers of Babylon . . . . .		603
Placed in fiery furnace . . . . .		594
Were promoted . . . . .		593
SHALLUM—Reigned 1 month in Judah . . . . .		772
SHILOH—Sacred city of Israel for 310 years . . . . .		1431 to 1121
Burnt by the Philistines in . . . . .		1121
SHALMANESER II—King of Assyria . . . . .		860 to 829
His 6th year Battle Karkar . . . . .		854
" 10th " invaded Syria . . . . .		850
" 18th " Jehu paid tribute . . . . .		842
" 21st " went to Damascus . . . . .		839
SHALMANESER III—King of Assyria . . . . .		783 to 773
SHALMANESER IV—King of Assyria . . . . .		727 to 721
SHAMGAR—The judge after Ehud . . . . .		1337 to 1333
SHISHAK—King of Egypt, despoiled Temple . . . . .		957
SHEM—The 3rd son of Noah. Born 3145—Died 2545—aged 600.		
SHEMAIAH—The prophet, about . . . . .		955
SIEGE OF JERUSALEM by Nebuchadnezzar . . . . .	Dan. 1, 1.	606
SIHON—King of Heshbon . . . . .		1438
SIMON—Captain in the Maccabean period . . . . .		145 to 143
SIMON—Highpriest and Governor . . . . .	B.C.	143 to 135
SINAI—Israel arrived there . . . . .	June	1477
" departed . . . . .	May	1476
SISERA—Commander of Canaanites . . . . .		1313

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SODOM and GOMORRAH—Destroyed . . . . .	1893
SOLOMON—Son of David. Born 1024, Died 961, age 63. Reigned . . . . .	1001 to 961
Temple begun . . . . .	998
" finished . . . . .	991
Palace finished . . . . .	978
STANDARD SABBATIC YEARS . . . . .	B.C. 37 and B.C. 30
SUN DIAL—Erected by Ahaz, about . . . . .	733
TABERNACLE—In Wilderness . . . . .	1477 to 1437
In Canaan . . . . .	1437 to 1431
At Shiloh . . . . .	1431 to 1121
Tabernacle and altar at Gibeon . . . . .	1121 to 991
 TADMOR—Built by Solomon . . . . .	975
TAXATION—Taxes collected A.D. 7 by Cyrenius Josephus says "37th year of Caesar's victory."	
TEMPLE—Service ceased . . . . .	B.C. 585 to 515
Interval 70 years.	
TEMPLE DESPOILED by Antiochus Epiphanes, November 27 . . . . .	B.C. 168
TEMPLE OF HEROD—82 years building B.C. 18 to A.D. 65	
10,000 workmen employed in . . . . .	B.C. 18
18,000 " discharged in . . . . .	A.D. 64
TERAH—Father of Abraham. Born 2112—Died 1907—aged 205.	
TIBERIUS CAESAR—Began to reign August 19 A.D. . . . .	14
Joint rule with Augustus Caesar . . . . .	A.D. 11 to 14
Died . . . . .	March 26 A.D. 37
Tiberius 1st year completed August 19 A.D. . . . .	15
" 15th " " August 19 "	29
" 23rd ended August 19 "	37
TIBNI and OMRI—Reigned in Israel . . . . .	914 to 909
TIGLATH-PILESER IV—King of Assyria. . . . .	745 to 727
Known also by name of Pul or Poros.	
Received tribute from Uzziah . . . . .	743
TIRZEH—Capital of Israel . . . . .	961 to 908
TOLA—The judge . . . . .	1295 to 1272
TOWER OF BABEL and Confusion of Tongues . . . . .	2633
 UZZIAH or AZARIAH—Born 826, Died 743, age 83. Reigned actively . . . . .	810 to 757

Smitten with leprosy and Reigned passively . . . . .	757 to 743
URIJAH—Prophesied against Jerusalem about . . . . .	607
WILDERNESS—For 40 years . . . . .	1477 to 1437
Stayed at Sinai . . . . .	11 months
Stayed at Kadesh . . . . .	38 years
On the journey . . . . .	13 months
XERXES—King of Persia. . . . .	485 to 465
Called "Ahasuerus" in Hebrew. See book of Esther.	
ZACHARIAH—Last of House of Jehu. Reigned 7 mos.	772
ZADOK—The priest . . . . .	1010 to 970
ZECHARIAH—Son of Jehoiada, slain . . . . .	828
ZECHARIAH—The prophet, grandson of Iddo . . . . .	520 to 518
ZEDEKIAH—King of Judah. Born 618. Called also Mattaniah. Reigned . . . . .	597 to 585
Visited Babylon in honor of Nebuchadnezzar's golden image. Jer. 51, 59 . . . . .	594
Carried captive to Babylon . . . . .	585
ZEPHANIAH—The prophet . . . . . about	630
ZERUBBABEL: Was ordered to build the Temple August 27	520
Began work . . . . . September 19	520
Set up altar . . . . . September 25	520
Foundation laid . . . . . December 17	520
"Earth at peace" . . . . . February 14	519
Temple finished . . . . . February 9	515
Zerubbabel died later than the battle of Marathon. See Hag. 2, 23.	
Battle of Marathon was fought . . . B.C.	490
ZERUBBABEL'S Temple to Nehemiah's Temple . . .	515 to 445
Interval 70 years.	
ZIMRI—Reigned 7 days in Israel . . . . .	915
ZOAN or RAMESES—Ancient Egyptian city, built 7 years later than Hebron. Scene of Israel's servitude, after death of Joseph . . . . .	1621 to 1477
Interval 144 years. Psalm 78, 43.	
The name of Rameses was given to the city many years after the time of the Exodus.	